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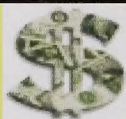
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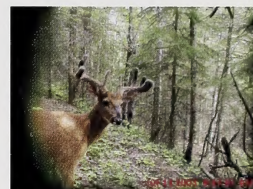
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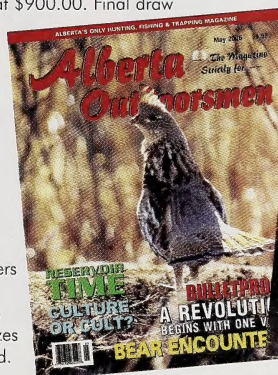
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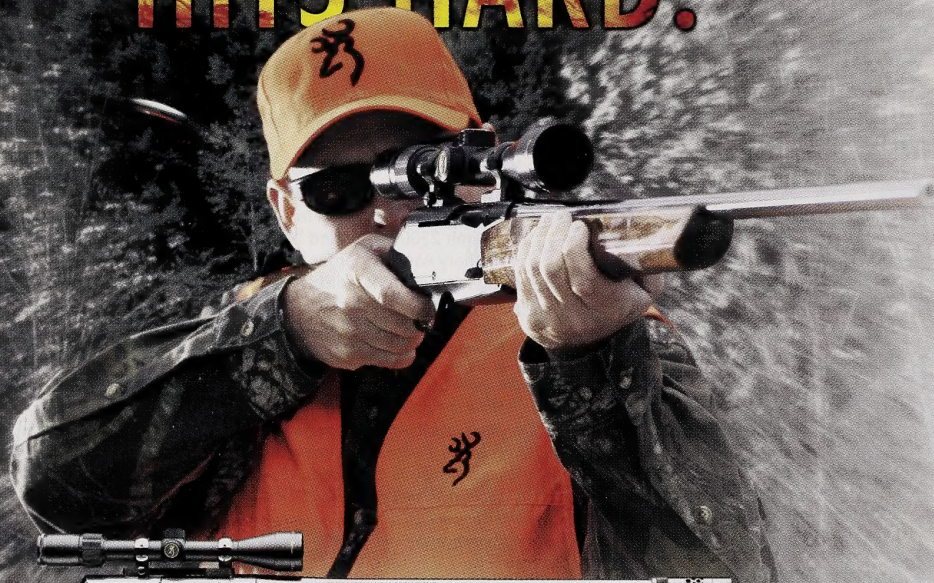


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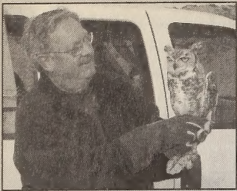
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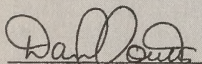
Hunting is a significant part of our culture and our economy. About 100,000 people continue to enjoy the sport in Alberta and appreciate the bonus of healthy wild meat.

The many fish and game clubs committed to training responsible young hunters are keeping a valuable tradition alive. They are helping to educate the next generation about being responsible stewards of our resources.

This year there are more opportunities than ever, including increased opportunities for moose, elk and deer. A trophy bighorn sheep hunt will also be offered in the Cadomin area in November.

Last hunting season, over 261,000 hunting licences were sold – the most sold in seven years. With the additional opportunities this season, licence sales may continue to grow.

I encourage all hunters in Alberta to be careful in the field and respectful of the land. Be sure to get permission for access where required, and become familiar with the regulations in this guide. Best wishes for a very enjoyable and successful experience. Good hunting to you!

  
Honourable David C. Coultis  
Minister

  
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## COVER ARTIST Charity Dakin

This year's cover artist, Charity Dakin, a resident of Northern Alberta, finds her inspiration from the outdoors. A self-taught artist, she works primarily in acrylic and pastel, visually capturing scenes characteristic of her wilderness surroundings and the history of the north.

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Charity's work can be found in private and public collections across Canada and in the United States. For information on paintings and prints phone Taiga Studio at (780) 836-3836 or visit the online gallery @ [www.nightofartists.com](http://www.nightofartists.com)

## DEFINITIONS

The following definitions will help you understand this Guide:

**Antlered** – a white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose or elk having an antler exceeding 10.2 cm (4 in.) in length.

**Antlerless** – a white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose or elk that is not "antlered" (as defined above).

**Bait** – any substance that consists of a food attractant, including any mineral and any representation of a food attractant.

**Big Game Designated Guide** – a person designated by the Alberta Professional Outfitters Society to commercially guide big game hunters in Alberta. A Designated Guide may guide not more than two Non-resident (Canadian) and non-resident alien big game hunters at a time in any part of Alberta, provided that each Non-resident (Canadian) or Non-resident alien has contracted the hunt through an Outfitter-guide. The two-hunter limit does not include Resident hunters.

**Big Game Outfitter-guide** – a person who is the holder of a valid Outfitter-guide Permit, and who provides outfitting and guiding services to big game hunters in Alberta.

- Class S Outfitter-guide – an Outfitter-guide who holds Non-resident (Canadian)/Non-resident Alien allocations for Trophy Sheep Special Licences. A Class S Outfitter-guide may also hold allocations for other big game special licences.
- Class T Outfitter-guide – an Outfitter-guide who holds allocations valid for Non-resident (Canadian) and Non-resident Alien big game special licences other than those for trophy sheep.

**Bird Game Designated Guide** – a person designated by the Alberta Professional Outfitters Society to commercially guide game bird hunters in Alberta.

**Bird Game Outfitter-guide** – a person who is the holder of a valid Bird Game Outfitter-guide Permit issued by the Alberta Professional Outfitters Society, and who provides outfitting and guiding services to non-resident and non-resident alien game bird hunters in Alberta.

**Green Area** – forest lands not available for agricultural development other than grazing. In general, the Green Area is public land outside the parkland and prairie regions, or roughly in the northern half of the province

and within a strip running along the Rocky Mountains and foothills.

**Hunter Host** – an adult resident who is the holder of a valid Hunter Host Licence. To obtain this licence, the adult must hold a valid WiN and be eligible to hold recreational hunting licences. A Hunter Host **may not provide services for gain or reward, or accept a fee for services, directly or indirectly.**

The licence authorizes the holder (**usually a relative or friend of the hunters to be hosted**) to host a maximum of two non-residents (Canadian) or non-resident aliens\* named on the host's licence to hunt wolf, coyote and big game throughout the province. \* Non-resident alien hunters are referred to Outfitting and Guiding Requirements (page 21) for additional conditions and restrictions.

**Non-resident (Canadian)** – a person who is not a Resident (see below), but who makes his or her home and is ordinarily present in Canada, and who has lived in Canada for the 12-month period immediately preceding the relevant date.

**Non-resident Alien** – a person who is neither a Resident (see below) nor a Non-resident (see above).

**OHV (Off-Highway Vehicle)** – any motorized vehicle designed for cross-country travel on land, water, snow, ice, marsh or swamp land, or on other natural terrain.

[Exceptions: motor boats, as well as four-wheel-drive vehicles and motorcycles registered in accordance with the *Traffic Safety Act*.] Among OHVs, include the following kinds of vehicles when they are designed for cross-country travel as described above:

- four-wheel drive or low pressure tire vehicles,
- motorcycles and related two-wheel vehicles,
- amphibious machines,
- all-terrain vehicles,
- miniature motor vehicles,
- snow vehicles,
- minibikes, or
- any other means of transportation that is propelled by any power other than muscular power or wind.

**Partner Licence** – a licence issued to an eligible hunter that allows him or her to hunt a specific species in a specified WMU and season under the direct authority of a Special Licence held by another hunter successful in a draw.

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**Resident** – a person who either

- has his or her only or primary residence in Alberta and
  - 1) is a Canadian citizen or is admitted to permanent residence in Canada, or
  - 2) has lived in Canada for the 12-month period immediately preceding the relevant date; or
- is on full-time service with the Armed Forces of Canada and would, if an election were held under the *Elections Act* (Canada), be eligible to vote in Alberta under that Act.

**Special Licence** – a licence obtained through a draw process, or for Non-resident and Non-resident Alien hunters, through an Outfitter-guide. It permits hunting of a specific type or class of game only in specific areas during a specified season (page 20).

**Weapon** – a firearm or any other device that propels a projectile by means of an explosion, spring, air, gas, string, wire or elastic material or any combination of those things.

**White Geese** – snow and Ross’ Geese.

**WMU** – Wildlife Management Unit, a geographical area prescribed in legislation.

**WIN** – Wildlife Identification Number, a permanent registration number issued to each hunter and angler.

**Month Abbreviations**

The following defines the month abbreviations used in this guide:

A – August   S – September   O – October  
 N – November   D – December  
 J – January   F – February   M – March  
 Ap – April   Ma – May   Ju – June


### Attention

**All Black Bear and Non-resident (Canadian) Non-resident Alien Wolf/Coyote Hunters**

If you purchase one of these licences for the spring season, it can be used for the following fall of the same calendar year. This applies for all of the following: Wildlife Certificate, Black Bear Licence (Resident or Non-Resident [Canadian]), Black Bear Special Licence (Non-resident [Canadian] or Non-Resident Alien), Supplemental Black Bear Licence (Resident or Non-Resident [Canadian]) or a Non-Resident (Canadian)/Non-Resident Alien Wolf/Coyote Licence.

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## GENERAL

- Registration of elk is no longer required.
- An adult resident must be eligible to hold hunting licences in order to obtain and hold a Hunter Host Licence.
- Cougar hunters are now required to register their animal within one business day following the kill.



## BIG GAME

- Moose and white-tailed deer seasons in WMUs 300-308 have been aligned with the elk and mule deer season.
- An Antlered and Antlerless Moose Special Licence has been created in WMU 501.
- An Antlerless Moose Special Licence has been created in WMU 504.
- A Calf Moose Special Licence has been created in WMU 521.
- An Antlered and Antlerless Elk Special Licence has been created in WMU 232.
- An Antlerless Elk Special Licence has been created in WMU 108.
- The antlerless mule deer restriction during the first and second rifle season in the Camp Wainwright hunt has been removed.
- Two areas have been closed in the Goat Special Licence Draw, and one new area has been opened.
- A Trophy Sheep Special Licence has been created for WMU 438C in November with 3 ten day seasons.
- A Non-Trophy Sheep Special Licence has been created in WMU 438C for the month of November.
- The Trophy Sheep Special Licence draws in WMUs 408 and 444/446 have been split and now have separate draw codes.
- The Supplemental Antlerless White-tailed Deer Licence has been added to a number of WMUs and a number of WMUs will be issued with a second tag.
- The Foothills Deer Licence is now valid from December 1 to December 20 (Monday to Friday only).
- There is a requirement that wolf skulls be submitted from wolves harvested in WMUs 300-316 and 400-426.

## WMU DESCRIPTIONS

The WMU boundaries shown on the enclosed map are small-scale approximations of the actual units legally described in the *Wildlife Regulation* (AR 143/97) and subsequent amendments. The map enclosed in this Guide is provided to help you identify the WMU in which you wish to hunt. **It is your responsibility to know in which WMU you are hunting and the seasons, rules and regulations that govern hunting in that WMU.** Text descriptions of the WMU boundaries may be either read at your nearest Fish and Wildlife Division office or through the Alberta Queen's Printer website ([www.gov.ab.ca/qp](http://www.gov.ab.ca/qp)) or purchased from The Queen's Printer at the following addresses:

Edmonton Queen's Printer  
10611 - 98 Avenue  
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Telephone: (780) 427-4952

Calgary Queen's Printer  
#602, 620 - 7th Avenue S.W.  
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Telephone: (403) 297-6251

**NOTE: The Queen's Printer does not sell maps.**

## MAPS

Maps providing information about access, topography and land ownership can be purchased at several locations throughout the province. A hard copy wall map version of the map included in the 2005 Alberta Guide to Hunting Regulations is now available to the public. Contact your local Map Dealer. Map Dealer locations are highlighted on the Map Distribution Centre external website at <http://www3.gov.ab.ca/srd/info/maps>.

### Provincial and Federal Maps

Provincial and federal access and topographical maps are available from various private map dealers throughout the province.

### County and Other Municipal Maps

Hunters are reminded to check with county and municipal offices for detailed maps showing land ownership status. These maps are available for a nominal fee and are useful for determining land status and ownership, which can help you obtain permission for access.

## Disclaimers

This pamphlet is neither a legal document nor a complete listing of current Alberta hunting regulations. It is a summary of the regulations and is published annually by Sports Scene Publications Inc. to help hunters understand the rules of hunting. Details of the regulations may be obtained from the nearest Fish and Wildlife Division office (page 14).

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## *In the News:*

### **Outfitted-Hunting Industry Members Recognized**

In recognition of his significant contributions to Alberta's outfitted-hunting industry, **Basil Leonard** of Grande Cache, Alberta was named as the **2004 APOS President's Award** winner. In front of over 470 members and guests attending the industry's December 2004 APOS Annual Convention, President Don Ayers presented the award to this most-deserving recipient. Past winners of this prestigious award have included:

- 2001 - Dave Simpson of Claresholm
- 2002 - Bobby Turner of Cochrane
- 2003 - George Page of Sherwood Park

Also, in February 2005, during the third annual WISE Awards ceremony - "Recognizing Conservation Excellence" **Richard Page** of Alberta Trophy Hunter & Outfitters Inc. in Sherwood Park was honored as the **Industry Conservation Award** winner. Previous recipients of this celebrated award have included:

- 2003 - Bruce Wierenga and Bryan Radke of Athabasca River Outfitters Inc.
- 2004 - Ryk Visscher of Ryk Visscher's Hunting Adventures

### **Government joins with Alberta's guides and outfitters to put \$1 million into wildlife management initiatives**

#### *Funding will span five years*

*Edmonton...* The government of Alberta has approved a proposal by the Alberta Professional Outfitters Society (APOS) to contribute \$1 million of new revenue toward provincial wildlife programs. The funding will go toward initiatives like wildlife inventories for species such as antelope, moose, elk and deer.

To generate the revenue, APOS is collecting a levy, which can go into a dedicated revenue fund for wildlife. Alberta's 365 big-game outfitters are paying the fees for their wildlife allocations over a five-year period.

The province will continue to work with APOS and its members to determine which wildlife initiatives will benefit from the new funding.

#### **Did You Know...**

- Nearly 100,000 wildlife certificates were sold in Alberta in 2004 - an increase of some 2800 hunters over the previous season
- Approximately 87,000 were to residents, 2890 to non-resident Canadians and 9700 were to non-resident aliens
- Allocation use by Alberta's outfitting industry was up over 6% in 2004 versus 2003 - an 11% increase in Mule Deer, 13% in Elk, and 6% in White-tailed Deer allocation use - there were a total of 7155 big game allocations used in 2004
- Game Bird license sales to non-resident aliens increased by 2% in 2004 - now 4216 - about one-half are outfitted hunts

#### **Legacy Funds Investing in Our Future - sample projects and sponsorships include:**

- ☐ Lakeland College - Wildlife Guiding and Outfitting Scholarships
- ☐ Youth and Women's Outdoors Seminars - Alberta Hunter Education Instructors' Association
- ☐ Over the past five years, the APOS Legacy Fund has provided more than \$106,500 of funding support to the University of Alberta's doctoral research project "Effects of Access and Hunting on the Behavior of Black Bear"

**For more information about Alberta's outfitted-hunting industry contact the APOS office at (780) 414-0249 #103, 6030 - 88 Street Edmonton, Alberta T6E 6G4 or by email at [info@apos.ab.ca](mailto:info@apos.ab.ca)**





## FURTHER INQUIRIES

The following sources are available for further information about these regulations or other matters concerning fish or wildlife management:

### Information Centre

Edmonton ..... 780-944-0313  
E-mail: ..... [srd.infocent@gov.ab.ca](mailto:srd.infocent@gov.ab.ca)

Websites — <http://www3.gov.ab.ca/srd> – go to “Fish and Wildlife,”  
click on “Living with Fish and Wildlife,” then to  
“Hunting in Alberta” or go to  
<http://www.albertaoutdoorsmen.ca/huntingregs/>

### Fish and Wildlife Division Head Office Mailing Address

Fish and Wildlife Division  
Great West Life Building  
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## Fish and Wildlife Division Local Office Telephone Numbers

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### Northwest Region

Fairview ..... 780-835-2737  
Fort Vermilion (8:15 – noon) ..... 780-927-4488  
Grande Prairie ..... 780-538-5265  
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High Prairie ..... 780-523-6520  
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\*Peace River ..... 780-624-6405  
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### Northeast Region

Athabasca ..... 780-675-2419  
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Edmonton ..... 780-427-3574  
Fort McMurray ..... 780-743-7200  
\*Lac La Biche ..... 780-623-5247  
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Ghost ..... 403-673-3663  
Grande Cache ..... 780-827-3356  
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Fri.; 8:15 – noon, Tues. to  
Thu) ..... 403-652-8330

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Nordegg (8:15 – noon) ..... 403-721-3965  
Pincher Creek ..... 403-627-1116  
\*Rocky Mountain House ..... 403-845-8230  
Stony Plain ..... 780-960-8190  
Sundre ..... 403-638-3805  
Swan Hills ..... 780-333-2229  
Whitecourt ..... 780-778-7112

### Southeast Region

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\*Calgary ..... 403-297-6423  
Camrose ..... 780-679-1225  
Cardston ..... 403-653-5158  
Coronation (Tue. Wed. every  
other Thu.) ..... 403-578-3223  
Drumheller ..... 403-823-1670  
Foremost (1:00 – 4:30) ..... 403-867-3826  
Hanna (Tue. Wed. every  
other Thu.) ..... 403-854-5540  
Lethbridge ..... 403-381-5266  
Lloydminster (9:00 – 3:00 Mon. to  
Wed.) ..... 780-871-6495  
Medicine Hat ..... 403-529-3680  
Olds (1:00 – 4:30) ..... 403-556-4215  
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other Thu.) ..... 403-664-3614  
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8:15 – 4:30, Wed. Thu.) ..... 780-753-2433  
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## Prohibitions

**Note:** *Convictions for certain offences will result in the suspension of all recreational hunting licences for a period of 1 to 3 years, and may result in a suspension for as long as 5 or more years. This is in addition to the assessment of a fine, an order and/or imprisonment.*

**Loaded Firearms** — A firearm in or on a vehicle, aircraft or boat is considered loaded if it has live ammunition in the breech, chamber or magazine, unless cartridges are in a magazine that is not attached to the firearm. See Item 7 below for further information.

## General

It is unlawful to

1. carry or use another person's licence or tag or allow another person to use your licence or tag.
2. harass, injure or kill any wildlife with a vehicle, aircraft or boat.
3. hunt any wildlife with or from an aircraft, or communicate, for the purpose of hunting, the signs or whereabouts of wildlife seen during a flight on an aircraft.
4. transport dead wildlife taken by others without an accompanying bill of lading (letter of authorization) signed by the licence or permit holder and providing the following details:
  - the kind and number of the licence under which the wildlife was killed or possessed,
  - a description of the wildlife,
  - the points of origin and destination, and
  - the date on which the wildlife is to be transported.

5. set out, use or employ any of the following items for the purpose of **hunting any wildlife**:
  - an arrow equipped with an explosive head,
  - a firearm that is capable of firing more than one bullet during one pressure of the trigger or a firearm that can be altered to operate as such,
  - a light,
  - a shotgun of a gauge greater than 10,
  - a device designed to deaden the sound of the report of a firearm,
  - recorded wildlife calls or sounds, or an electrically operated calling device,
  - a pistol or revolver,
  - live wildlife,
  - a swivel set or spring gun, or
  - a poisonous substance or an immobilizing drug.

6. allow the edible meat of any game bird or big game animal — except cougar, grizzly bear or black bear — to be wasted, destroyed, spoiled or abandoned.

7. have a loaded firearm (live ammunition in breech, chamber or magazine) in or on, or discharge a **weapon** from
  - a boat unless the boat is propelled by muscular power or is at anchor and the person is hunting, or
  - any kind of aircraft or vehicle whether it is moving or stationary.

**Note:** Ammunition may be carried in a magazine that is not attached to the firearm. Contact a local police service for more information regarding federal firearms legislation.

8. discharge a **weapon** within 183 m (200 yards) or cause a projectile from a **weapon** to pass within 183 m (200 yards) of any occupied building. Owners, occupants, or persons authorized by the owner or occupant are excepted, subject to local bylaws.

9. discharge a firearm from or cause a projectile from a firearm to pass

along or across:

- a primary highway,
- a road allowance containing a road that is paved, oiled, graded or regularly maintained, unless
  - the road is held under any active disposition under the *Public Lands Act* or under an order under the *Surface Rights Act*, or
  - the person is hunting game birds with a shotgun under the authority of a licence.

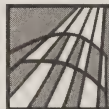
10. hunt any wildlife while impaired by alcohol or drugs.
11. hunt any wildlife or **discharge a firearm** between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise. (See sunrise/sunset table on page 44).
12. alter, destroy or remove any sign or notice that has been posted under the authority of the *Wildlife Act*, *Petty Trespass Act* or the *Migratory Birds Regulations*.
13. hunt any wildlife or discharge any firearm on or over occupied land or enter on to such land for the purpose of doing so without the consent of the owner or occupant of the land (page 28).  
**NOTE:** There is an additional requirement affecting access for guided hunts (page 30).
14. possess a firearm of a calibre larger than .22 in a helicopter over WMUs 400-446.
15. hunt with a firearm if you are under 18 years of age and not accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or by a person 18 years of age or older who has the written permission of the parent or legal guardian. See page 26 for Canadian Firearms Centre contact information.

16. disturb traps, sets or trapping cabins.

## Big Game

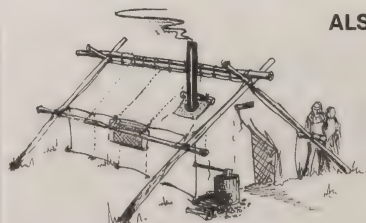
It is unlawful to

1. set out, use or employ any of the following items for the purpose of **hunting big game**:
  - ammunition of less than .23 calibre,
  - ammunition that contains non-expanding bullets,
  - an auto-loading firearm that has the capacity to hold more than 5 cartridges in the magazine,
  - a shotgun having a gauge of .410 or less,



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- a shotgun in a bird sanctuary,
- bait, except as permitted for the hunting of black bears (page 38),
- an arrow other than an authorized arrow (page 37),
- a bow other than an authorized bow (page 37),
- a muzzle-loading firearm of less than .44 calibre,
- a rifle or shotgun in WMUs 212, 248 or 410 (persons hunting under the authority of a Strathcona White-tailed Deer Licence, a Foothills Deer Licence, or an Antlerless Moose Special Licence in Strathcona County may hunt with a bow and arrow, cross-bow, muzzleloader or shotgun),
- a trap,
- a cross-bow and arrow that is not authorized (see page 61).

2. discharge a **weapon** at a big game animal while it is swimming.
3. discharge an arrow from a bow at big game, from, along or across a highway or road specified in Item 9 on page 16.
4. be accompanied by a dog while hunting big game or allow a dog to pursue big game except when hunting cougar under the authority of a Cougar Licence.
5. possess the carcass of a male elk, male antelope or male non-trophy sheep unless the complete skull plate, with horns or antlers intact, is also retained with the carcass until it is delivered to
  - the usual residence of the person who killed it, and the animal is butchered, cut and packaged for consumption, or
  - a premises in respect of which there is a Food Establishment Permit issued under the *Public Health Act* or a Licence for the Operation of an Abattoir issued under the *Meat Inspection Act*.
6. possess the carcass of a calf moose taken under authority of a Calf Moose Special Licence unless its head is also retained with the carcass until it is delivered to
  - the usual residence of the person who killed it, and the animal is butchered, cut and packaged for consumption, or
  - a premises in respect of which there is a Food Establishment Permit issued under the *Public Health Act* or a Licence for the Operation of an Abattoir issued under the *Meat Inspection Act*.
7. allow the skin of any grizzly bear, black bear or cougar taken under the authority of a licence, to be wasted, destroyed, spoiled or abandoned.
8. remove the distinctive evidence of sex and species from the carcass of any big game until the carcass is delivered to
  - the usual residence of the person who killed it, and the animal is butchered, cut and packaged for consumption, or
  - a premises in respect of which there is a Food Establishment Permit issued under the *Public Health Act* or a Licence for the Operation of an Abattoir issued under the *Meat Inspection Act*.

In the case of grizzly bear and cougar, the evidence of sex must remain attached and be retained until the animal has been registered (page 36).
9. remove the tag from the carcass of a big game animal until authorized (as outlined on page 36).

10. hunt:
  - a grizzly bear under the age of two years,
  - a grizzly bear that is part of a group of two or more grizzly bears,
  - a black bear under the age of one year,
  - a female black bear accompanied by a cub under the age of one year,
  - a female cougar accompanied by a kitten with spotted fur, or
  - a cougar kitten with spotted fur.
11. transport big game hunters, except those requiring medical aid, or big game by helicopter over WMUs 400-446.
12. land or take off in a fixed-wing aircraft that is carrying big game, big game hunters or firearms of a calibre larger than .22 at or from any

location in WMUs 400-446 except those locations where aircraft routinely land and take off.

13. hunt big game within 6 hours of having disembarked from an aircraft, except for a jet or turbo-propelled aircraft.
14. hunt big game on Sundays except in WMUs 350, 353, 354, 357-360, 520-528, 534-537, 540 and 544 and in the Green Area Portions of WMUs 326, 328, 347, 349, 351, 352, 355, 356, 416-437, 440-446, 503, 511-519, 529-532, 542 and 841.

## Game Bird

It is unlawful to

1. hunt game birds during an open season for male pheasants within designated pheasant release sites after 2:00 p.m., except Saturdays.
2. possess, before it has been transported to the usual residence of the person who killed it, a game bird which does not bear evidence of sex and species. Evidence of sex and species consists of one completely feathered wing attached to the carcass of the game bird, except for Merriam's turkey for which evidence of sex and species consists of the complete head and beard attached to the carcass (see page 54 for tagging instructions for Merriam's turkey).
3. hunt a migratory game bird using:
  - a firearm loaded with a single bullet
  - lead shot
  - a cross-bow
4. hunt any game bird using:
  - a shotgun in which the magazine and chamber combined will hold more than three rounds of ammunition,
  - a trap, or
  - bait.

Note: see item 12 (below) for additional restrictions for hunting Merriam's turkey.
5. have more than one shotgun, for personal use, at any time while hunting migratory game birds unless each shotgun, in excess of one, is unloaded and disassembled or unloaded and cased.
6. hunt game birds in WMU 410 with other than a bow and arrow or falconry bird.
7. hunt game birds in WMU 212 or 248 with other than a bow and arrow, a cross-bow, shotgun or falconry bird.
8. exceed the daily or possession limit for any game bird (see game bird bag limits on page 56).
9. hunt game birds within 400 m (1/4 mi.) of a baited lure area operated under the Crop Damage Control Program.

10. transport migratory game birds belonging to others unless the carcasses are affixed with a tag showing:
  - the signature, name and address of the owner,
  - the licence number under which the bird was taken, and
  - the date the birds were taken.
11. fail to make every effort possible to immediately retrieve a migratory game bird that a person has killed or wounded. A hunter must have adequate means to retrieve any migratory bird that he or she may kill, cripple or injure.
12. hunt Merriam's turkey using:
  - a weapon other than a shotgun, cross-bow or a bow and arrow,
  - a shotgun with a bore diameter smaller than 20 gauge, or
  - shot size smaller than No. 6 shot or larger than No. 2 shot.
13. remove the tag from a Merriam's turkey until authorized (page 54).



14. hunt game birds on Sundays except

- a) in WMUs 350, 353, 354, 520, 525, 528, 534, 536, 540 and 544,
- b) in the Green Area portions of WMUs 326, 328, 347, 349, 351, 352, 355, 356, 360, 416-437, 440-446, 503, 511-519, 521, 523, 524, 526, 527, 529-532, 535, 537, 539, 542 and 841,
- c) in those portions of WMUs 360, 521, 523, 526, 527, 535 and 537 that are not in the Green Area as respects the hunting of upland game birds,
- d) in WMUs 357, 358, 359 and 522 as respects the hunting of upland game birds,
- e) in WMUs 728 and 730 as respects the hunting of sharp-tailed grouse and ruffed grouse, or
- f) while hunting white geese during the regular open season.

## LICENSING

### Licence System

IBM manages the sale of all recreational hunting and fishing licences in Alberta. Licences are sold exclusively through private licence issuers (e.g., sporting goods stores, convenience stores and gas stations) in communities throughout Alberta. Licences are not sold at Fish and Wildlife Division offices.

The automated system integrates all recreational licensing services, providing better service to hunters, anglers and licence issuers. Licence issuers print all licences and tags at point of sale. The system provides the Fish and Wildlife Division with important, up-to-date information about the hunters and anglers in the province.

To locate a licence issuer in your area of Alberta, contact the RELM (Recreational Licensing Management) Call Centre, toll-free in North America, at 1-888-944-5494, or go to the Hunting in Alberta website (see page 14).

### Wildlife Identification Number (WiN)

Hunters and anglers in Alberta must possess a 10-digit Wildlife Identification Number (WiN) before applying for or purchasing any licence or wildlife certificate. The WiN can be purchased for \$8.00 and is valid for five years. Once your WiN expires you can renew it at any licence issuer for \$8.00 for another five years.

If you are purchasing a WiN for the first time, the licence issuer gives you a paper receipt (which includes your new number) allowing you to purchase licences immediately. Your plastic card will be mailed to you within a few weeks.

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Please bring your card when you purchase licences. The plastic WIN card allows the licence issuer to provide you with faster more efficient service.

## Change of Address

All hunters should ensure their address and telephone number on their licence is correct. To update your mailing address, call (toll-free in North America) 1-888-944-5494, or fill out a WIN Application form at your local licence issuer.

If you have any questions about the WIN or the licensing system, please contact the RELM Call Centre, toll-free in North America, at 1-888-944-5494.

### What is required to be eligible to hunt in Alberta?

Hunters in Alberta should be aware of federal regulations pertaining to possession and use of firearms (page 26), and provincial regulations pertaining to licensing of hunters. There are regulations that pertain to first-time hunters, youths, residents, non-residents and non-resident aliens.

All hunters must have a Wildlife Identification Number (WiN) as a prerequisite to applying for, or purchasing any hunting licence but some additional requirements must be met for the WiN-holder to be eligible to purchase hunting licences.

A person must possess a valid Wildlife Certificate and the applicable hunting licence in order to hunt big game or game birds. The hunter must carry the licence and applicable tag(s) on his or her person while hunting. A person applying for a draw is not required to possess a Wildlife Certificate but must purchase one before purchasing any hunting licence.

### Licensing requirements for first-time hunters

A first-time hunter is a hunter who 1) has not previously held a hunting licence in Alberta or elsewhere, or 2) has not passed a hunter competency test in Alberta or elsewhere, or 3) has not successfully completed a hunter education course in Alberta or elsewhere.

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**Non-resident and non-resident alien** hunters (12 years of age or older) are exempt from the first-time hunter eligibility requirement if they are accompanied by a Hunter Host or a Designated Guide while hunting in Alberta.

**Adult first-time hunters** who have not previously held a hunting licence in Alberta or elsewhere, have an option of completing the Alberta Conservation and Hunter Education course, or passing the Alberta Hunter Competency exam.

**Youth first-time hunters** (12 to 17 years of age) have two options, depending on age. First-time hunters **under 14 years of age** must complete the Alberta Conservation and Hunter Education course. Those **14 to 17 years of age** have the option of completing the Alberta Conservation and Hunter Education course or successfully completing the Alberta Hunter Competency exam. A youth must be **at least 12 years old** to hunt under the authority of any hunting licence in Alberta. All hunters **under the age of 16 years** must have written permission from a parent or guardian to purchase hunting licences. Hunters who are **11 years old** may apply in the draws for licences if they meet the above criteria but they must be 12 years old anytime before or during the open season for that draw. They may not hunt until they are **12 years old**. Youths who are **12 or 13 years old** may hunt game birds with any legal weapon (see game bird prohibitions, page 13), but may **ONLY HUNT BIG GAME WITH A BOW AND ARROW OR A CROSS-BOW**. To hunt with a firearm, hunters **14 to 17 years of age** must be accompanied by a parent, a legal guardian or by a person 18 years of age or older who has the written permission of the parent or legal guardian.

If you are interested in taking the Alberta Conservation and Hunter Education course, call the Alberta Hunter Education Instructors' Association toll-free in Alberta at 1-866-852-4342, Edmonton 780-466-6682, or Calgary 403-252-8474.

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## Regulations encourage co-operation and respect

Recreational access to agricultural leased public lands continues to be a success because of the cooperation of both leaseholders and recreational users. Regulations governing access require recreational users to contact the leaseholder before entering leased land.

You can find contacts and other information on the land by using the recreational access website and a toll-free hotline.

The leaseholder must allow reasonable foot access, but can say no if:

- access is by anything other than by foot, including off-highway vehicles;
- livestock are present in a fenced pasture or a crop has not yet been harvested. Leaseholders are expected to provide access if livestock are not affected by the visit;
- a fire ban is in effect;
- you wish to hunt in an area where livestock are nearby; or
- you wish to camp.

If there is a disagreement, a dispute resolution process is available. For more information about recreational access, please visit [www3.gov.ab.ca/srd/land/recaccess/](http://www3.gov.ab.ca/srd/land/recaccess/) or call 1-866-279-0023.

### When you visit, remember:

- pack out all litter;
- park vehicles so they do not block access to the land;
- refrain from lighting fires without consent;
- leave gates as you find them, whether opened or closed; and
- be careful not to damage the land or leaseholders' property.

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## Resident Youth Hunting Licences

Subject to the age limitations and conditions above, a resident 12 to 17 years of age may purchase a Resident Youth Wildlife Certificate, including a Game Bird Licence, for \$7.75. The holder of a valid Resident Youth Wildlife Certificate who has not yet attained the age of 18 years may also purchase a Youth White-tailed Deer Licence and a Youth Mule Deer Licence, each for \$7.75. **These licences are valid during the seasons that do not require one of the Special Licences obtained through a draw.** This person may also purchase an Antlerless Mule Deer Special Licence (available through a draw, see Draws for Special Licences, below) for \$7.50. Partner Licences are also available to resident youths if designated by the holder of any special licence. See this page.

## Where Your Money Goes

A portion of the price of each **hunting licence** is a levy established by the Alberta Conservation Association to help finance wildlife rehabilitation programs, the enhancement of other wildlife management programs and the Report A Poacher Program. Another portion goes to General Revenue and the remainder is a transaction fee that goes to IBM to finance the administration of the licensing system. This system collects valuable information about the use of our wildlife resource. The government uses this data for setting season dates, licence quotas and other regulations. For complete information on fee break down, contact Licensing and Revenue Services at (780) 427-5185.

## Mobility-impaired Hunters

Eligible individuals may obtain a special permit or licence relating to off-highway vehicle (OHV) use, discharging a weapon from an OHV and bow and arrow equipment. Contact a Fish and Wildlife Division office (page 14) for more information.

## Mandatory Hunter Testing

A person, whose right to hold a recreational hunting licence has been suspended as a result of a conviction, is required to pass a hunter-competency test before obtaining another recreational hunting licence. This test, which differs from the test given to first-time hunters, must be taken after the beginning of the suspension period. Mandatory hunter testing is intended to increase outdoor safety, awareness, skills and efficiency and to develop responsible attitudes in the field. Dates and times for testing are available at Fish and Wildlife Division offices (page 14).

## Draws for Special Licences

When demand for hunting opportunities becomes excessive, season length and bag limits are often insufficient to conserve a game resource or to ensure a quality hunting experience. In such cases, the Fish and Wildlife Division conducts lotteries or draws among eligible applicants for a limited number of special licences. Special licences allow successful applicants to hunt a specific type of game (e.g., antlerless elk) in defined areas during a specified season.

Only residents and, to a lesser extent, non-residents (Canadian) are eligible to apply in these draws. A non-refundable \$3.04 (plus GST) levy is charged for each application or group of applicants (maximum of four) for the same draw. This levy goes to the Alberta Conservation Association for its Buck for Wildlife Program.

Although draws are used for specific wildlife management purposes (e.g., the goal in antlered mule deer draw areas is to develop a more balanced age structure in the herd by controlling the kill of bucks), other benefits include improved hunter success, increased opportunity to harvest a trophy animal, a more pleasant hunting experience with lower hunter densities, reduced disturbance of landowners, and a better distribution of the harvest.

**Draw Application Deadline Dates** — Hunters interested in special licence hunts for fall 2005 must have applied by June 24. The application period for the 2006 spring Merriam's turkey hunt is January 4 to January

26, 2006. Application dates for grizzly bear will be determined at a later date. Refer to the *2005 Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet for more information on how to apply for these draws.

Hunters interested in the draw seasons for 2006 should obtain the *2006 Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet and apply during the month of June 2006. The booklet is mailed to draw applicants from the previous two years. For hunters who do not receive a copy in the mail, copies are available at licence issuers and your local Fish and Wildlife Division office.

**Draw Results** — Written notification of your draw results are sent in the mail. Beginning July 13, you may call **1-900-451-DRAW (\$0.75 for each minute)** to determine your success in the draws. All you need is a touch-tone telephone and your WIN, or you can view online at [www.albertarelm.com](http://www.albertarelm.com). Results for antelope and goat draws are available August 10.

For information on the Draws for Special Licences, call 1-877-289-0999, toll-free.

## Landowner Special Licence

A person who qualifies may be eligible to obtain a special licence after having been unsuccessful in some draws. Availability of Landowner Special Licences may be limited or not available at all for some species in certain WMUs. Those available will be issued to eligible persons on a first-come, first-served basis. For details on eligibility and the application process, please consult the *2005 Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet.

## Partner Licence

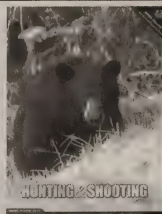
The following Partner Licences are available:

1. A resident holder of an **Antlerless Moose** Special Licence has the option of designating one eligible resident hunter (adult or youth) to be a partner on the Special Licence, thereby allowing the designated hunter to obtain a Special Antlerless Moose Partner Licence.
2. A resident holder of an **Antlered Moose** Special Licence has the option of designating one eligible hunter, either a resident (adult or youth) or a non-resident (Canadian) (adult or youth), to be a partner on the Special Licence, thereby allowing the designated hunter to obtain a Special Antlered Moose Partner Licence. To qualify for a Partner Licence in a particular WMU, the non-resident (Canadian) must have been eligible to apply for the Special Licence in that WMU. A non-resident (Canadian) holder of an Antlered Moose Special Licence obtained through the draw process has the option of designating one eligible resident (adult or youth) hunter to be a partner on the Special Licence, thereby allowing the designated hunter to obtain a Special Antlered Moose Partner Licence.
3. Resident hunters successful in drawing a Special Licence in any of the other Draws may designate one eligible resident youth (12 to 17 years of age) to be a partner on their Special Licence.

**Rules for all Partners** — A designated partner does not need any priority to qualify for a partner licence, does not need to have applied on the draw, and the purchase of the partner licence will not affect any existing priority of the partner. The intended partner must be eligible to hold a hunting licence. Refer to pages 22-25 regarding licence combinations and restrictions. The primary licensee may designate a partner at any time until

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the end of the season for which the Special Licence is valid. The designated partner hunts under the authority of the special licence and must be in direct communication (not including the use of any electronic devices) with the primary special licence holder while hunting to ensure that both stop hunting once the tag(s) are filled. The two hunters hunt as one. The primary licensee must carry the tag(s) issued with the special licence and must tag the animal as soon as there is a kill. The primary licensee may hunt without the partner, but not vice versa.

**To Designate a Partner** – The Partner Licence is available at any licence issuer. The intended partner must provide the licence issuer with the number of the Special Licence held by the primary hunter along with his or her own WIN. The Special Licence number authorizes the licensing system to issue a partner licence that is linked to the Special Licence. The intended partner may then purchase a Wildlife Certificate and the appropriate Partner Licence. If the intended partner is a non-resident, he/she must be accompanied by a licensed Hunter Host while hunting. The Partner Licence is valid for the same WMU and season as the Special Licence. No tag is issued with the Partner Licence.

## Outfitting and Guiding Requirements for Non-residents (Canadian) and Non-resident Aliens

(see Definitions on pages 10 to 11).

There is no requirement for non-resident (Canadian) and non-resident alien game bird hunters to contract their **game bird** hunts through a Bird Game Outfitter-guide. However, those who do choose to hire an outfitter-guide for such a hunt must do so through the holder of a valid Bird Game Outfitter-guide Permit.

In this section, the term "accompany" or "accompanied" means that the persons involved are close enough to each other to easily facilitate verbal communications without the need for electronic devices. **It is acceptable, however, for the hunter to be placed in a stand location by the guide or hunter host, if they remain at that same location to be picked up later the same day.**

Non-resident (Canadian) and Non-resident Alien hunters of **big game, wolf and coyote must be accompanied by a licensed guide or a Hunter Host**. Each of these hunters has two options:

- 1) he or she may contract the holder of a valid Big Game Outfitter-guide Permit, be guided by a Big Game Designated Guide, and hunt under the authority of a licence allocated to an outfitter-guide (for information on outfitter-guides, contact the Alberta Professional Outfitters Society at <http://www.apos.ab.ca>), **OR**
- 2) he or she may be hosted by a Hunter Host (see below) – usually a relative or friend – and hunt according to the following restrictions and conditions:
  - Non-resident Aliens may hunt with any Hunter Host only if they have not done so in the previous two (2) fiscal years (April 1 - March 31).
  - Non-residents (Canadian) and Non-resident Aliens are limited to certain licences as indicated in the Licence Availability sections on pages 24 to 25.
  - Non-resident Aliens hosted by Hunter Hosts may hunt big game only during seasons that do not require one of the special licences, obtained through a draw, indicated by a ■ in the season tables on pages 39 to 51 or listed under Additional Special Licence Draw Hunts on page 52.
  - A Non-resident Alien and his or her intended Hunter Host must apply at a Fish and Wildlife Division office for their licences and make a statutory declaration that he or she understands the terms and conditions of the licences (see Hunter Host Licence on this page).
  - A Non-resident Alien must not hunt bighorn sheep, cougar or trophy antelope while accompanied by a Hunter Host.
  - **Further Restrictions for Non-resident Aliens Who are Not**

### Relatives of the Hunter Host or the Hunter Host's Spouse

- Relatives are defined as father, brother, son, uncle, nephew, grandfather, grandson, son-in-law, brother-in-law (and female equivalents) of the Hunter Host or spouse of the Hunter Host.
- The Non-resident Alien and intended Hunter Host, if not related, must initiate an application at a Fish and Wildlife Division office for their licences, described above, by **August 31** of the licence year, or by the following **February 28** for the spring black bear hunt.
- The Non-resident Alien may apply to hunt only two (2) species of big game.

### A Hunter Host

- Must be an adult resident, and be eligible to hold recreational hunting licences.
- Must be the holder of a valid WIN and Hunter Host Licence (below).
- **may not provide services for gain or reward, or accept remuneration, directly or indirectly, for such services.**
- may host a maximum of two (2) hunters/year, either Non-residents (Canadian), Non-resident Aliens or a combination thereof. If hosting 2 Non-resident Aliens, at least 1 must be a relative.
- may host Non-resident Aliens only if the host has not hosted a Non-resident Alien in the previous two (2) fiscal years (April 1 to March 31).
- must report to the Fish and Wildlife Division by December 31 in the year of harvest, all animals killed by the Non-resident Aliens he or she hosted.
- must accompany the hunter(s) named on his or her Hunter Host Licence while they are hunting big game under the authority of the Hunter Host Licence.

### Hunter Host Licence

A resident who wishes to be a Hunter Host may purchase a Hunter Host Licence at any private licence issuer. You must have the WIN(s) of the non-resident(s) at the time of purchase. You **must** ensure that the hunters you host are named on your Hunter Host Licence. If you purchase your Hunter Host Licence naming one hunter and you decide to add a second hunter to your licence at a later date, you can do so at no additional charge. Return to a private licence issuer with your licence and have it amended. Once you have purchased your Hunter Host Licence, the hunters may purchase their licences.

A Hunter Host who plans to take a **non-resident alien** hunting must do the following:

1. Go to a Fish and Wildlife Division office (see page 14) and initiate an application (including statutory declaration). Sign it and have your signature sworn. If the Non-resident Alien is not a relative, you must start this process by August 31 or February 28 as described above.
2. Have the Non-resident Alien sign the application and have his or her signature sworn. (If the Non-resident Alien does not have a WIN, have him fill out a WIN application at the same time.)
3. Take the completed application to a Fish and Wildlife Division office. The application will be reviewed for final approval and keyed into the automated licensing system.
4. When you are notified that your application is approved, go to any private licence issuer and purchase your Hunter Host Licence (see above) and the appropriate Wildlife Certificate and licences.

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## Resident Licence Costs and Combinations

NOTE: The 7% federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) is not included in the costs listed below.

Prior to purchasing any licence, each hunter must possess a valid WIN (see page 18) and a Wildlife Certificate which costs \$24.35 (or \$7.75 for a Resident Youth Wildlife Certificate, page 20). Hunters wishing to hunt with a bow and arrow must also purchase a Bowhunting Permit (not required for hunting with a cross-bow).

Licence	Price (\$)	Restrictions Applying to the Species	Maximum Licences Allowed Per Hunter
White-tailed Deer	33.25	A Resident Adult may obtain only 1 of the first 2 licences.	A Resident Adult or Youth may obtain 4 different licences from this list of 25, but not more than 1 licence from this list for any one species.
Antlered White-tailed Deer Special Licence	33.25		
Youth White-tailed Deer <sup>7</sup>	7.75	A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of the last 3 licences.	
Special Antlered White-tailed Deer Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Mule Deer	33.25	A Resident Adult may obtain only 1 of the first 2 licences.	
Antlered Mule Deer Special Licence	33.25		
Youth Mule Deer <sup>7</sup>	7.75	A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of the last 3 licences.	
Special Antlered Mule Deer Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Elk	33.25	A Resident Adult may obtain only 1 of the first 6 licences.	
WMU 300 Elk Special Licence	33.25		
Cypress Hills Elk Special Licence	33.25	A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of these 10 licences.	
Cypress Hills Elk Archery <sup>1</sup>	33.25		
Antlerless Elk Special Licence	33.25		
Antlered Elk Special Licence	33.25		
Special WMU 300 Elk Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Special Cypress Hills Elk Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Special Antlerless Elk Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Special Antlered Elk Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Moose	33.25	A Resident Adult may obtain only 1 of the first 6 licences.	
Antlerless Moose Special Licence	33.25		
Antlered Moose Special Licence	33.25	A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of these 7 licences.	
Calf Moose Special Licence	33.25		
Special Antlered Moose Partner Licence	11.50		
Special Antlerless Moose Partner Licence	11.50		
Special Calf Moose Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Trophy Sheep	50.09	A Resident who killed a sheep, except a legal non-trophy sheep, in 2004 may not purchase a Trophy Sheep Licence in 2005.	A Resident Adult may obtain only 1 of the first 6 licences.
WMU 408 Trophy Sheep Special Licence	50.09		A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of these 11 licences.
WMU 410 Trophy Sheep Special Licence	50.09		
WMU 437 Trophy Sheep Special Licence	50.09		
WMU 438 Trophy Sheep Special Licence	50.09		
WMU 444/446 Trophy Sheep Special Licence	50.09		
Special WMU 408 Trophy Sheep Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Special WMU 410 Trophy Sheep Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Special WMU 437 Trophy Sheep Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Special WMU 438 Trophy Sheep Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Special WMU 444/446 Trophy Sheep Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		

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Licence	Price (\$)	Restrictions Applying to the Species	Maximum Licences Allowed Per Hunter
Non-trophy Sheep Special Licence	26.58	A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of these 2 licences.	A Resident Adult may obtain 1 of each of these 14 licences (excluding the Youth licences).
Special Non-trophy Sheep Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Antlerless White-tailed Deer Special Licence	17.50	A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of these 2 licences.	A Resident Youth may obtain 14 different licences from this list of 20 but not more than 1 licence from this list for any one species.
Special Antlerless White-tailed Deer Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Supplemental Antlerless White-tailed Deer <sup>2</sup>	18.25		
Strathcona White-tailed Deer	17.50		
Foothills Deer <sup>3</sup>	17.50		
Antlerless Mule Deer Special Licence (issued to a youth)	18.50 (7.50)	A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of these 2 licences.	
Special Antlerless Mule Deer Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Antlerless Deer (WMUs 212 & 248)	10.00		
Camp Wainwright Deer Special Licence	36.99	A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of these 2 licences.	
Special Camp Wainwright Deer Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
WMU 212 Antlerless Elk Archery	18.25		
Black Bear	14.75		
Supplemental Black Bear <sup>4</sup>	14.75		
Grizzly Bear Special Licence	50.09	A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of these 2 licences.	
Special Grizzly Bear Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Cougar	50.09		
Goat Special Licence <sup>6</sup>	50.09	A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of these 2 licences.	
Special Goat Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Antelope Archery Special Licence	50.09	None	A Resident Adult may obtain only 1 of the first 3 licences.
Non-trophy Antelope Special Licence	18.25		
Trophy Antelope Special Licence	50.09		A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of these 6 licences.
Special Antelope Archery Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Special Non-trophy Antelope Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Special Trophy Antelope Partner Licence (Youth)	11.50		
Bowhunting Permit (not required for cross-bows)	8.50	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Hunter Host Licence	26.50		
WIN Renewal	8.00		
Licence Reprint	2.00		
Tag Reprint <sup>5</sup>	4.00		
Replacement WIN Card	4.00		

<sup>1</sup> This licence is not valid during the Cypress Hills Elk Special Licence season for rifles.

<sup>2</sup> This licence is only valid in the following WMUs: 204, 206, 208, 214, 216, 220-236, 242, 250, 252, 256, 258, 260, 310, 312, 314, 322-356, 360, 436-446, 500-511, 514, 520, 521, 523-525, 528 and 534-544. The 2nd tag will only be valid in WMUs 234, 258, 260, 336-338, 346, 348, 349, 360, 500, and 502-510.

<sup>3</sup> When hunting under the authority of this licence, valid in WMU 212 only, hunters must carry written permission to hunt from a landowner involved.

<sup>4</sup> This licence is only valid in the following WMUs where 2 black bear licences may be used: 224, 250, 258, 260, 320-360, 429, 445, 500-544 and 841.

<sup>5</sup> A statutory declaration must be completed at a Fish and Wildlife Division office (see page 14).

<sup>6</sup> As of 2002, drawn applicants cannot reapply in future years (once-in-a-lifetime opportunity).

<sup>7</sup> These licences are valid during the seasons that do not require one of the special licences obtained through a draw.

Special Licences (listed above) are available only through draws which occurred in June of this year (except grizzly bear and Merriam's turkey, see page 20). Please refer to the 2006 Alberta Hunting Draws booklet in June 2006 for information on how to apply in these draws next year.



## Non-resident (Canadian) Licence Availability

All Non-resident hunters of big game, wolf or coyote require a Big Game Designated Guide or a Hunter Host. See Outfitting and Guiding Requirements on page 21.

**Non-residents who hunt with a Hunter Host** may obtain White-tailed Deer, Antlered Mule Deer, Antlered Moose, Antlered Elk, Black Bear, Supplemental Black Bear, Cougar, and Wolf/Coyote Licences (see table below) from private licence issuers. Some special licences may be obtained through the draw system that will be described in the *2005 Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet available in June 2005.

**Non-residents contracting a hunt with a Big Game Outfitter-guide** may obtain Special Licences by using an allocation, available from their outfitter-guide. Wolf/Coyote licences can be purchased without an allocation. Non-residents using the services of an outfitter-guide must be guided by a Big Game Designated Guide.

## Non-resident (Canadian) Licence Costs and Combinations

NOTE: The 7% federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) is not included in the costs listed below.

Prior to purchasing any licence, each hunter must possess a valid WIN (see page 18) and a Wildlife Certificate, which costs \$24.35. Hunters wishing to hunt with a bow and arrow must also purchase a Bowhunting Permit (not required for hunting with a cross-bow).

All **special** licences shown in the following table are available through a Big Game Outfitter-guide. Some are also available through the draw system.

Licence	Price (\$)	Restrictions Applying to the Species	Maximum Licences Allowed Per Hunter
White-tailed Deer	119.73	A Non-resident may obtain only 1 of these 2 licences.	A Non-resident may obtain 4 different licences from this list of 9, but not more than 1 licence for any one species.
Antlered White-tailed Deer Special Licence <sup>1</sup>	119.73		
Antlered Mule Deer	119.73	A Non-resident may obtain only 1 of these 2 licences.	
Antlered Mule Deer Special Licence <sup>1</sup>	119.73		
Antlered Elk	132.47	A Non-resident may obtain only 1 of these 2 licences.	
Antlered Elk Special Licence <sup>1</sup>	132.47		
Antlered Moose	132.47	A Non-resident may obtain only 1 of these 3 licences.	
Antlered Moose Special Licence <sup>1</sup>	132.47		
Special Antlered Moose Partner Licence	43.50		
Trophy Sheep Special Licence <sup>1,2</sup>	311.35	A Non-resident who killed a sheep in 2004 may not purchase a Trophy Sheep Special Licence in 2005.	A Non-resident may obtain 1 of each licence from this list of 3.
Wolf/Coyote	11.50	See page 52 for dates and restrictions.	
Trophy Antelope Special Licence <sup>3</sup>	178.75	None	
Black Bear Licence	62.09	A Non-resident accompanied by a Hunter Host may obtain both of these licences.	A Non-resident may obtain 1 of each licence from this list of 2. However, Non-residents purchasing 1 of these two licences may not purchase a Black Bear Special Licence.
Supplemental Black Bear Licence <sup>4</sup>	62.09		
Black Bear Special Licence <sup>5</sup>	62.09	Non-residents must purchase this licence through an outfitter-guide.	Non-residents purchasing this licence may not purchase a Black Bear Licence or a Supplemental Black Bear Licence.
Cougar	132.47	Non-residents hunting with a Hunter Host.	1 licence only from this list of 2.
Cougar Special Licence	132.47	Non-residents must purchase this licence through an outfitter-guide.	
Bowhunting Permit (not required for cross-bows)	15.75	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
WIN Renewal	8.00		
Licence Reprint	2.00		
Tag Reprint <sup>6</sup>	4.00		
Replacement WIN card	4.00		

<sup>1</sup> These licences are available through the draw system or through an outfitter-guide. Please refer to the sections that deal with Non-resident (Canadian) Licence Availability (at the top of this page) and Outfitting and Guiding Requirements (page 21).

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- 2 Non-resident Trophy Sheep Special Licences are available through Class S Outfitter-guides or through a draw. Only 2 licences are available through a draw, and each hunter successful in the draw must be accompanied by a Hunter Host.
- 3 Non-resident Trophy Antelope Special Licences are available through an outfitter-guide or through a draw. Please refer to the sections that deal with Non-resident (Canadian) Licence Availability (page 24) and Outfitting and Guiding Requirements (page 21).
- 4 This licence is valid only in the following WMUs where 2 black bear licences may be used: 224, 250, 258, 260, 320-360, 429, 445, 500-544 and 841. Please see page 38 for more information.
- 5 These licences are valid for 2 black bears if the Outfitter-Guide's allocation is valid for a WMU where the Supplemental Black Bear Licence is valid (i.e., 2-bear areas).
- 6 A Statutory declaration must be completed at a Fish and Wildlife Division office (see page 14).

### Non-resident Alien Licence Availability

All Non-resident Alien hunters of big game, wolf or coyote require either a Big Game Designated Guide or a Hunter Host. See Outfitting and Guiding Requirements on page 21.

**Non-resident Aliens who hunt with a Hunter Host** may obtain Antlered White-tailed Deer, Antlered Mule Deer, Antlered Moose, Antlered Elk, Black Bear Special Licences and Wolf/Coyote Licences (see table below) from licence issuers. See Outfitting and Guiding Requirements on page 21 for a summary of the circumstances under which these licences may be used and the limitations that apply.

**Non-resident Aliens contracting a hunt with a Big Game Outfitter-guide** must obtain Special Licences by using an allocation, available from their outfitter-guide. Wolf/Coyote licences can be purchased without an allocation. Non-resident Aliens using the services of an outfitter-guide must be guided by a Big Game Designated Guide.

### Non-resident Alien Licence Costs and Combinations

NOTE: The 7% federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) is not included in the costs listed below.

Prior to purchasing any licence, each hunter must possess a valid WIN (see page 18) and a Wildlife Certificate, which costs \$24.35. Hunters wishing to hunt with a bow and arrow must also purchase a Bowhunting Permit (not required for hunting with a cross-bow).

Licence	Price (\$)	Restrictions Applying to the Species	Maximum Licences Allowed Per Hunter
Antlered White-tailed Deer Special Licence	184.18 <sup>1</sup>	None	A Non-resident Alien may obtain 1 of each licence from this list of 9.
Antlered Mule Deer Special Licence	184.18 <sup>1</sup>		
Antlered Elk Special Licence	249.27 <sup>1</sup>		
Antlered Moose Special Licence	249.27 <sup>1</sup>		
Black Bear Special Licence <sup>2</sup>	77.39 <sup>1</sup>		
Trophy Sheep Special Licence <sup>3</sup>	311.35 <sup>1</sup>	A Non-resident Alien who killed a sheep in 2004 may not purchase a Trophy Sheep Special Licence in 2005.	
Cougar Special Licence <sup>3</sup>	249.27 <sup>1</sup>	None	
Wolf/Coyote Licence	11.50 <sup>1</sup>	See page 52 for wolf and coyote season dates and restrictions.	
Trophy Antelope Special Licence <sup>3</sup>	224.27 <sup>1</sup>	None	
Bowhunting Permit (not required for cross-bows)	22.50	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
WIN Renewal	8.00		
Licence Reprint	2.00		
Tag Reprint <sup>4</sup>	4.00		

<sup>1</sup> If purchased through an outfitter-guide, or the Alberta Professional Outfitter Society, an additional service fee is charged.

<sup>2</sup> This licence is valid for 2 black bears where the Resident and Non-resident (Canadian) Supplemental Black Bear Licences are valid (2-bear areas).



- 3 Trophy Sheep, Cougar and Trophy Antelope Special Licences are available to Non-resident Aliens only through an outfitter-guide.
- 4 A statutory declaration must be completed at a Fish and Wildlife Division office (see page 14).

## GAME BIRD LICENCES



In addition to a WIN and a Wildlife Certificate, game bird hunters require:

- a Game Bird Licence to hunt grouse, partridge and ptarmigan;
  - a Game Bird Licence and a Pheasant Licence to hunt pheasant;
  - a Game Bird Licence and a Federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit to hunt waterfowl;
  - a Merriam's Turkey Special Licence and a Game Bird Licence to hunt Merriam's turkey.
- (NOTE: Merriam's Turkey Special Licences are available only through a draw. See page 54 for more information.)

NOTE: The 7% federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) is not included in the costs listed below.

Prior to purchasing any licence, each hunter must possess a valid WIN (see page 18) and a Wildlife Certificate. The Wildlife Certificate costs \$24.35 (or \$7.75 for a Resident Youth Wildlife Certificate, page 19). Hunters wishing to hunt with a bow and arrow (but not a cross-bow) must also purchase a Bowhunting Permit.

### Licence Costs

Game Bird Licence	Price (\$)		
	Resident	Non-resident (Canadian)	Non-resident Alien
Game Bird	9.96	31.01	107.39
3-Day Game Bird	Not Applicable	21.75	77.08
Pheasant	13.65	19.68	19.68
Merriam's Turkey Special Licence <sup>1,2</sup>	25.01	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Special Merriam's Turkey Partner Licence (Youth) <sup>1</sup>	11.50	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Bowhunting Permit	8.50	15.75	22.50
WIN Renewal	8.00	8.00	8.00
Licence Reprint	2.00	2.00	2.00
Tag Reprint <sup>3</sup>	4.00	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit <sup>4</sup>	17.00	17.00	17.00

- <sup>1</sup> A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of these 2 licences.
- <sup>2</sup> Available only through a draw, page 54.
- <sup>3</sup> A statutory declaration must be completed at a Fish and Wildlife Division office (see page 14).
- <sup>4</sup> Available at Post Offices and certain private licence issuers. See *Hunting in Alberta* website (page 14).

## FEDERAL FIREARMS LEGISLATION

All hunters should be aware of federal laws surrounding the acquisition, possession, transportation and use of weapons and ammunition. For further information contact your local police service or the Canadian Firearms Centre at 1-800-731-4000 or visit the Centre's website at <http://www.cfc.gc.ca/>.

## EXPORTING

### Alberta Export Permit

All big game, game birds, and furbearing animals (except tanned skins) require a provincial export permit (\$20.00) when they are to be conveyed beyond the borders of Alberta, except under the following conditions:

1. Hunters, who lawfully harvest game birds, coyotes, white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose, pronghorn antelope or black bear\* under the authority of a hunting licence or a right that is protected under Canadian Constitution, may export those species without an Alberta export permit if
  - in the case of game birds, the bird has been processed as a mounted specimen, or
  - the export occurs within 30 days of the date the animal was killed or within 5 days of the close of the season, whichever occurs first, and
  - the shipment is accompanied by the hunter who killed the animal, and
  - the appropriate licence is carried by the hunter who killed the animal

being exported.

- \* Alberta prohibits the export of gall bladder and paws of black bear. You may export red meat, hide with claws attached, head or skull with teeth attached, but no other parts. See CITES Export Permit at top of next page.

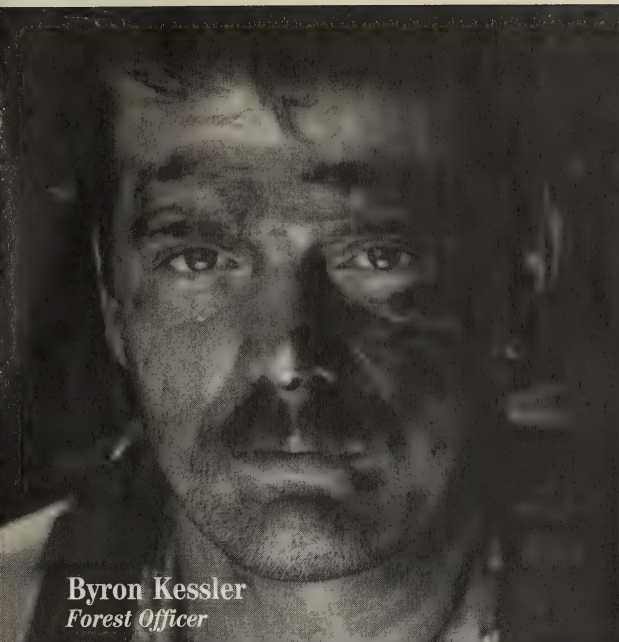
2. Coyote that have been lawfully hunted by residents do not require a provincial export permit.

**Note:** United States migratory bird hunting regulations state that it is unlawful for a person to import into the United States migratory game birds belonging to another person. Evidence of sex and species must remain attached to the bird until the final U.S. destination is reached.

For further information on the export of wildlife contact a Fish and Wildlife Division office (page 14).

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## CITES Export Permit

Persons exporting cougar, grizzly bear or wolf to points outside Canada must obtain a federal export permit issued in accordance with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES). In addition, provincial export permits must be obtained for exporting these species, except for tanned wolf skin. All black bear require CITES export permits, except for those exported by United States hunters as noted on this page. Black bears do not require the provincial export permit if they are exported as described in the Alberta Export Permit section.

**U.S. Black Bear Hunters** – A CITES export permit is no longer required for U.S. hunters to take their black bear hunting trophy in a fresh, frozen or salted condition, back home at the conclusion of their hunt. The trophy must be part of the accompanying baggage of the hunter who killed the animal. This exemption does not apply to taxidermized trophies. All provincial export requirements still apply (see Alberta Export Permit section) and the trophy and documentation must be presented to Customs at the border when

the hunters exit. Only the following parts of black bear may be exported: red meat, the hide with claws still attached, the head or skull with teeth attached, but no other parts. Alberta prohibits the export of the gall bladder or paws of black bear. Note that the CITES permit exemption for fresh black bear trophies applies only to U.S. hunters returning home and not to other hunters. An individual must not sell or dispose of the black bear within 90 days after the date on which the CITES exemption is claimed.

**Other circumstances for Black Bear:** Claws of black bear may not be exported from Alberta if they are separated from the whole skin. Partial skins of black bear that are processed (tanned or otherwise permanently preserved), black bear skulls with teeth attached (when not being shipped with a hunter returning home as described above) or taxidermized black bear skins may still be exported but only under a provincial export permit with a CITES permit. An unprocessed black bear skin that is not part of a returning hunter's baggage may still be shipped but requires both provincial and CITES export permits.

## SALE OF WILDLIFE

The selling, buying, bartering, soliciting or trading in wildlife or wildlife parts, or offering to do so, is regulated under the *Wildlife Act* and Regulations. Many transactions are strictly prohibited, while others are regulated. For further information, contact a Fish and Wildlife Division office (page 14).

## FOUND DEAD WILDLIFE

When driving or walking, hunters often find dead wildlife that they would like to keep. In most cases it is unlawful to possess such wildlife or parts of wildlife without first obtaining a permit. To apply for such a permit, contact a Fish and Wildlife Division office (page 14).

## HUNTING PRIVILEGES ON OCCUPIED, PRIVATE AND PUBLIC LAND

### Access to Public and Private Lands

Except under authority of a Game Bird Shooting Ground Licence, it is unlawful to directly or indirectly buy or sell, trade or barter, or offer to buy or sell access to any land for the purpose of hunting any big game,

fur-bearing animals or game birds.

Hunting on privately owned lands without permission is a problem in Alberta. It generates anti-hunting sentiment among landowners and results in the prosecution of more than 200 hunters each year. They should leave gates as they find them, avoid damaging facilities or property, avoid disturbing livestock and establish friendly relations with landholders.

**NOTE: Important changes to the *Petty Trespass Act* took effect in 2004. See page 30.**

Although there is a moral obligation to pursue wounded game and a legal requirement to ensure game is retrieved and not wasted or abandoned, these obligations do not override the legal requirement to get permission to enter private land.

### Recreational Access to Public Lands Leased for Grazing

In 2003, the Alberta Government passed new legislation clarifying the rules for recreational access on public lands leased for grazing and cultivation. While the new rules provide for "reasonable access" on foot, recreational users are required to contact the leaseholder prior to your visit. The legislation applies to approximately 5 million acres of agricultural lease land. Only a very small amount of leased agricultural land is located in the forested area of the popular foothills area of the province. Forest grazing allotments are not effected by this requirement for contact from the recreational user.

It is the recreational user's responsibility to know whether the land you wish to access is publicly or privately owned. You are required to contact the leaseholder to ensure the leaseholder has some basic information about your visit, and you can provide reasons why access may be limited. More details about the rules and contact information are available on a new website (<http://www3.gov.ab.ca/srd/land/reaccess/>). This website provides information on the location of agricultural public lands, along with contact information. You can also call the local Public Lands and Forests Division office or a toll-free hotline at 1-866-279-0023 for more information.

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## Wildlife Act

Section 38 of the *Wildlife Act* specifies that no person shall hunt wildlife or discharge firearms on or over occupied lands, or enter onto such lands for the purpose of doing so without the consent of the owner or occupant.

The *Wildlife Act* defines “occupied lands” as follows:

- (a) privately owned lands under cultivation or enclosed by a fence of any kind and not exceeding one section in area on which the owner or occupant actually resides, and
- (b) any other privately owned land that is within 1.6 km (1 mi.) of the section referred to in clause (a) and that is owned or leased by the same owner or occupant.

The occupied lands described in the above legislation do not need to be posted with signs to receive protection under Section 38 of the *Wildlife Act*.

The black area in the map (right) shows an example of nine square miles of land that could contain land falling within the definition of “occupied lands.”

31	32	33	34	35	36
30	29	28	27	26	25
19	20	21	22	23	24
18	17	16	15	14	13
7	8	9	10	11	12
6	5	4	3	2	1

■ Potentially Occupied Lands  
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## Petty Trespass Act

Amendments to the *Petty Trespass Act* came into force June 1, 2004. While it is still possible for a landowner to prohibit entry onto his or her land by giving oral or written notice or by posting signs prohibiting entry, the amendments now set out certain kinds of property where entry is prohibited without any notice required. These lands include those privately owned lands (and leased public lands not associated with grazing or cultivation – these are addressed on page 19) that are under cultivation, fenced or enclosed by a natural boundary or enclosed in a manner that indicates the landholder’s intention to keep people off the premises or animals on the premises. **Importantly, hunters or others who access those lands must have permission before entering.**

## Federal Criminal Code

The *Criminal Code* (Section 41) provides that a person in peaceable possession of real property can require a trespasser to vacate the property.

## Access for Guiding

A Hunter Host, Big Game Designated Guide or Bird Game Designated Guide, when guiding on any privately held land, requires permission authorizing access from the landholder for conducting those guiding services on that land. Such a guide or host is required to carry on his person the landholder’s name, address (or legal land location of landholder’s residence) and telephone number.

## Access for Control of Livestock Predation Black Bear and Coyote\*

Any person who is (a) the owner or occupant of privately owned land, or (b) authorized to keep livestock on public land, or (c) a resident authorized by a person described in (a) or a resident authorized in writing by a person described in (b) may, without a licence, hunt (but not trap) black bear or coyote on such lands, at all times of the year.

## Timber Wolf\*

Any person who is (a) the owner or occupant of privately owned land, or (b) authorized to keep livestock on public land, or (c) a resident authorized by a person described in (a) or a resident authorized in writing by a person described in (b) may, without a licence and at all times of the year, hunt (but not trap) timber wolf on such lands, and on any lands within 8 km (5 mi.) of the above lands, provided he or she also has the right of access to these latter lands.

- \* It is not legally necessary to salvage pelts of furbearing animals (includes coyote and wolf) taken in accordance with regulations authorizing control of problem wildlife. Refer to page 52 for information about seasons for coyote and wolf.

## RESTRICTED AREAS

Alberta has a variety of restricted areas. Please read the following sections carefully to determine how the various designations affect hunting opportunities.

## ALL HUNTING

### Wildlife Sanctuaries

Sanctuaries are intended to provide secure habitat for wildlife and thus allow populations to either increase or remain at desired levels. They include areas of high quality habitat, often where populations of some wildlife species have been significantly lowered or dispersed because of disturbance at some time in the past. Sanctuary status allows these areas to realize their potential to support wildlife and to act as core areas of production for animals that will disperse to surrounding areas. It also increases the opportunities for Albertans to view wildlife.

NOTE: Privately owned lands within wildlife sanctuaries are excluded from the sanctuaries.

The following regulations apply to the specific sanctuaries listed in Parts 1 and 2 below:

### Part 1 – Sheep River Wildlife Sanctuary

It is unlawful to hunt wildlife or discharge or possess a weapon within Sheep River (WMU 406) Wildlife Sanctuary. However, a person may, while crossing this sanctuary, possess a weapon that (a) is completely enclosed in a case or other suitable covering or has been taken apart, and (b) in the case of a firearm, does not contain ammunition.

### Part 2 – Road Corridor Wildlife Sanctuaries

It is unlawful to hunt within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of the road in a designated road corridor wildlife sanctuary (a corridor 730 m or 800 yards wide). No person shall possess a weapon in these sanctuaries unless:

- (a) while crossing the sanctuary, the weapon is in a condition described in Part 1 above, or
- (b) while crossing the sanctuary on horseback or on foot, the weapon, if it is a firearm, does not contain ammunition and the person is travelling in a direct route to leave the road corridor wildlife sanctuary.

There are 11 road corridor wildlife sanctuaries, shown in green on the enclosed WMU map. Eight are located in the Mountain and Foothills regions and three in the Boreal Region. Descriptions of the Road Corridor Wildlife Sanctuaries are as follows:

#### Mountain and Foothills

1. Highwood – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of
  - (a) Highway 40 between the southern boundary of Peter Lougheed Provincial Park and Secondary Road 541,
  - (b) Secondary Road 541 between Highway 40 and the eastern boundary of the Rocky Mountain Forest Reserve;
2. Harold Creek – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of that portion of the road locally known as the Harold Creek Road between the eastern boundary of the Rocky Mountain Forest Reserve and Secondary Road 734;
3. Eagle Creek – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of that

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- portion of the road locally known as the Ya Ha Tinda Ranch Road between Eagle Creek and the ranch headquarters buildings;
4. Elk Creek – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of that portion of Secondary Road 734 between Idlewilde Creek and the road locally known as the Peppers Lake Road;
  5. Ram Falls – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of that portion of Secondary Road 734 between the Ram River and the road locally known as the Onion Lake Road;
  6. North Ram – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of that portion of Secondary Road 734 that is in Township 38, Range 15, West of the 5th Meridian and north of the North Ram River;
  7. Kootenay Plains – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of that portion of Highway 11 between Allstones Creek and the eastern boundary of Banff National Park;
  8. Highway 40/Little Smoky/Simonette – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of
    - (a) that portion of Highway 40 between the Berland River and the Muskeg River,
    - (b) the road locally known as the Huckleberry Tower Road,
    - (c) that portion of Secondary Road 734 between Highway 40 and its junction with the Foothills Forest Products Road locally known as the Smoky Mainline,
    - (d) the Foothills Forest Products Road locally known as the Smoky Mainline in Townships 57 and 58, Ranges 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, West of the 6th Meridian,
    - (e) that portion of the Foothills Forest Products Road locally known as the Ghost Mainline in Townships 57, 58, 59 and 60, Ranges 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, West of the 6th Meridian,
    - (f) the Foothills Forest Products Road locally known as the Simonette Mainline in Townships 58 and 59, Ranges 3 and 4, West of the 6th Meridian;

## Boreal Region

9. Whitemud Hills – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of the Peace River Pulp Road locally known as the Whitemud Hills Haul Road from Highway 35 to the western boundary of Section 14, Township 85, Range 2, West of the 6th Meridian;
10. Sulphur Lake – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of the Peace River Pulp Road locally known as the Sulphur Lake Haul Road from the southeast corner of Township 88, Range 1, West of the 6th Meridian to its junction with the road locally known as the Canfor East Road in Township 89, Range 3, West of the 6th Meridian;
11. Peace River Pulp Mill/Sun Valley Ferry – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of
  - (a) the Peace River Pulp Road between Secondary Road 986 and the Peace River Pulp Mill in Township 85, Range 21, West of the 5th Meridian,
  - (b) the Peace River Pulp Road locally known as the Peace River Pulp Resource Road between Secondary Road 986 and the Sun Valley Ferry crossing of the Peace River in Township 90, Range 21, West of the 5th Meridian,
  - (c) that portion of Secondary Road 986 between its junctions with roads referred to in (a) and (b).

## Seasonal Sanctuaries

No person shall approach within 800 metres (0.5 mile) of any of the following seasonal sanctuaries between April 15 and September 15.

1. The island known as Pelican Island in Newell Lake in Township 17, Range 15, W4M;
2. The unnamed island in Namur Lake in Sections 35 and 36, Township 97, Range 17, W4M;
3. The unnamed island in Beaverhill Lake in Section 5, Township 52, Range 17, W4M;
4. The unnamed island in the unnamed lake in Section 8, 9, 16 and 17, Township 95, Range 17, W4M;
5. The unnamed island in Scope Reservoir in LSD 2 and 3, Section 10, Township 13, Range 14, W4M;

No person shall enter the following seasonal sanctuaries between April 15 and September 15:

1. That portion of the unnamed island in Lower Therien Lake in the NW Quarter of Section 14, Township 57, Range 10, W4M;
2. That portion of Lower Therien Lake in Section 2, 3, 10 and 11, Township 57, Range 10, W4M;
3. The unnamed islands in the Slave River in the SW Quarter of Section 30, Township 126, Range 10, W4M, and the SE Quarter of Section 25, Township 126, Range 11, W4M;
4. The island known as Bird Island in Buffalo Lake in Section 30, Township 40, Range 20, W4M;
5. The unnamed island in Joseph Lake in Section 12, Township 50, Range 22, W4M.

## Métis Settlements

In general, only a member of a Métis Settlement Association, formed under the *Métis Settlements Act*, may hunt or trap wildlife on a Métis Settlement. Hunting by non-members may be authorized under settlement by-laws.

## Natural Areas

Natural areas are special parcels of public land that are formally set aside by the Alberta Government to protect sensitive and scenic land from disturbance. Natural areas fall in the middle of the range of conservation lands in Alberta, between strictly protected lands – such as ecological reserves and provincial parks – and lands intensively developed for recreation. The main objective of natural areas management is to maintain the natural features and characteristics of the site. Development of any facilities is kept to a minimum.

Generally, hunting is permitted in most natural areas. However, there are some sites with special management or safety considerations that restrict hunting and access (e.g., Wagner Natural Area, Riverlot 56, and Sherwood Park Natural Area near Edmonton).

For information about a specific site or the Natural Areas Program, contact Alberta Parks and Protected Areas Division at 780-427-3582 (toll free 1-866-427-3582).

## Ecological Reserves

Ecological reserves contain representative or special provincial natural features. The management intent of the reserves is to allow natural processes to occur. The *Wilderness Areas, Ecological Reserves and Natural Areas Act* prohibits hunting within ecological reserves, unless it is required for management purposes to simulate natural events. For example, hunting for big game is allowed in Upper Bob Creek Ecological Reserve, located in WMU 308, but the use of motorized vehicles is not permitted.

Alberta's Ecological Reserves Program is part of a larger international program to preserve natural ecosystems. Ecological reserves protect representative areas in each of the natural regions of Alberta for the conservation of genetic resources, to allow for the appreciation of nature, to preserve our natural heritage, and to establish ecological benchmarks and control areas for research and education. For further information on ecological reserves, contact Alberta Parks and Protected Areas Division at 780-427-3582 (toll free 1-866-427-3582).

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## Heritage Rangelands

Heritage rangelands are established to preserve and protect natural heritage that is representative of Alberta's grasslands, using grazing to maintain the grassland environment. Seven heritage rangelands have been established in Alberta, with interim designation as natural areas: Black Creek, Twin River, Onefour, Tolman Badlands, Killarney-Reflex Lakes, Ribstone Creek and Beaverhill Lake heritage rangeland natural areas. These sites are open to hunting, according to the provisions in place for hunting in natural areas. Recreational vehicle use is discouraged in all of these sites, with the exception of Beaverhill Lake, where traditional snowmobile use continues to be permitted. For current information about heritage rangeland natural areas, contact the Alberta Parks and Protected Areas Division at 780-427-3582 (toll-free 1-866-427-3582).

## Provincial Parks and Recreation Areas

Except for Wildland Provincial Parks (see page 34) or for the limited seasons provided in WMUs 624 (Cypress Hills Provincial Park), 936 (Blackfoot Recreation Area) and 841 (Lakeland Recreation Area), it is unlawful to hunt, or to carry or discharge a firearm in a provincial park or recreation area without a firearms carry and discharge permit.

\* Otherwise, all firearms must be unloaded, encased or dismantled. In the case of Blackfoot Recreation Area, hunters will need to obtain a "Firearms Discharge Permit" from the office at Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area prior to engaging in any hunting-related activity inside the recreation area.

## Forest Recreation Areas

It is unlawful to discharge a firearm within a forest recreation area. It is also unlawful to "dress" a big game animal within a forest recreation area.

## Kananaskis Country

Hunters are reminded that other people use Kananaskis Country trails and camping areas for recreational purposes. Discharging and handling of firearms must be done with care and respect for the safety of others. Access to some areas may be affected when recreational trails and roads for industrial use are temporarily closed. For further information, contact Alberta Community Development in Kananaskis Country.

## National Parks

Hunting is prohibited in national parks, and hunters should be especially careful about their locations when hunting near park boundaries. Firearms are prohibited in national parks except on through highways and in town sites, where they must be unloaded and encased.

## Other Restricted Areas

Except for the special seasons provided in WMUs 728 and 730, hunting is not permitted in the following areas:

- Cold Lake Air Weapons Range (WMU 726),
- Canadian Forces Base Wainwright (WMUs 728 and 730),
- Canadian Forces Base Suffield (WMU 732),
- Ghost River Wilderness Area (WMU 734),
- Greene Valley Wildlife Management Unit (WMU 926),
- Siffleur Wilderness Area (WMU 736),
- White Goat Wilderness Area (WMU 738), and
- within 91 m (100 yards) of Highway 1 or Highway 1A in WMU 410.

## BIG GAME HUNTING

The hunting of big game is not permitted in the following areas:

- the Gregg River Resources Coal Mineral Surface Lease in WMU 438, and
- the Cardinal River Coal Mineral Surface Lease in WMU 438, except for non-trophy sheep under the authority of a Non-trophy Sheep Special Licence.

## Saskatoon Mountain Primitive Weapons Area

Only shotguns, muzzleloaders, cross-bows and archery equipment may be used to hunt big game in this area in WMU 357 near Grande Prairie (see

enclosed Wildlife Management Unit Map).

## Restricted Areas for Trophy and Non-trophy Sheep

It is unlawful to hunt trophy or non-trophy sheep within the following areas:

- 183 m (200 yards) of the Canada Cement rock quarry at Exshaw.
- 0.8 km (0.5 mi.) of Highway 1A between the western boundary of the Stoney Indian Reserve and Canmore,
- 0.8 km (0.5 mi.) of Highway 3,
- 1.6 km (1 mi.) of the Sheep River from the eastern boundary of WMU 406 upstream to Dyson Creek,
- 1.6 km (1.0 mi.) of the Inland Cement Rock Quarry near Cadomin,
- 1.6 km (1.0 mi.) of the intersection of Whitehorse Creek and the main forestry trunk road south of Cadomin,
- 1.6 km (1.0 mi.) of where Highway 16 intersects the eastern boundary of Jasper National Park,
- 3.2 km (2.0 mi.) of the intersection of the Forestry Trunk Road and the South Ram River in Section 18, Township 36, Range 13, West of the Fifth Meridian,

## GAME BIRD HUNTING

### Game Bird Sanctuaries

Hunting game birds and carrying shotguns are prohibited in game bird sanctuaries except with a special permit. Descriptions of these sanctuaries are available from the Queen's Printer in Edmonton or Calgary (page 12). Game bird sanctuaries are located in the following WMUs:

WMU	Sanctuary	WMU	Sanctuary
102	Pakowki Lake	242	Ministik Lake
148	Many Island Lake	242	Miquelon Lake
212	Inglewood	357	Saskatoon Lake
220	Red Deer	503	Lac La Biche
238	Birch Lake	530	Richardson Lake

### Restricted Rivers

Hunting of migratory game birds on the following rivers, over any islands in these rivers or within 91 m (100 yards) of the edge of the waters of these rivers is prohibited until November 1:

1. Bow River downstream from the corporate limits of the City of Calgary to Highway 24.
2. Little Smoky River downstream from Highway 43.
3. Peace River.
4. Red Deer River downstream from the corporate limits of the City of Red Deer.
5. Smoky River downstream from the mouth of the Wapiti River.
6. South Saskatchewan River downstream from the corporate limits of the City of Medicine Hat.

### Restricted Lakes

Hunting game birds on the following lakes, over any island in these lakes or within 0.8 km (0.5 mi.) of the edge of the waters of these lakes is prohibited until November 1 (Note additional restrictions below for Saskatoon Lake and Ministik Lake). Efforts are made to post signs near these lakes, but not all lakes may be so identified. It is the hunter's responsibility to know the restrictions in the area he or she hunts.

### Prairie WMUs

- 160 Little Fish Lake (28-16,17-W4)
- 162 Berry Creek Reservoir (Carolside Dam) (26,27-12-W4)
- 162 Blood Indian Creek Reservoir (26-9-W4)
- 162 Birkenshire Lake (23,24-28-11-W4)
- 163 Currant Lake (33-3-W4)
- 163 Grassy Island Lake (33-3-W4)
- 163 Misty Lake (33-3-W4)
- 163 Sounding Creek Reservoir (30-5,6-W4)
- 164 Fitzgerald Lake (3,4-33-8-W4)
- 164 Kirkpatrick Lake (33,34-9,10-W4)



164 Rushmere Lake (33-8-W4)  
 164 Syson Lake (35-12,13-W4)  
 164 Grays Lake (28,32,33-32-7-W4)  
 164 Wiste Lake (2,11-33-7-W4)  
 164 Unnamed Lake (23 to 27-33-8-W4)  
 164 Unnamed Lake (31,32-33-8-W4)  
 164 Polly Lake (7-31-1-W4)  
 164 Willowbend Reservoir (K-B Lake) (1-31-13-W4)  
 166 Dowling Lake (31,32-14,15-W4)  
 166 Sullivan Lake (34 to 37-14,15-W4)

#### Parkland WMUs

200 Sounding Lake (36,37-3,4-W4)  
 202 Armstrong Lake (42-10-W4)  
 202 Unnamed Lake (8,9-38-10-W4)  
 203 Bellshill (Goose) Lake (42-11-W4)  
 206 Buffalo Lake (40,41-20,21,22-W4\*\*)  
 221 Cygnet Lake (38-1-W5 and 38-28-W4)  
 228 Driedmeat Lake (44,45-19,20-W4)  
 232 Blackburn Lake (10,11-43-10-W4)  
 234 Dolcy Lake (26,35-42-4-W4)  
 234 Gillespie Lake (39,40-2-W4)  
 234 McIntyre Lake (16,17-44-1-W4)

236 Kenilworth Lake (50-4-W4)  
 242 Beaverhill Lake (that portion lying in 50,51-17,18-W4 – approx. southern 1/2 of lake)  
 242 Ministik Lake\* (50-21-W4)  
 242 Oliver Lake (50-21-W4)  
 242 Lake 'A' (50,51-17-W4) adjacent to Beaverhill Lake  
 252 Whitford Lake (56-15,16-W4)

\* *Hunting of game birds in the Ministik Lake Game Bird Sanctuary is prohibited.*

\*\* Hunting of upland game birds only is permitted in 9-40-21-W4.

#### Foothills WMUs

357 Saskatoon Lake\* (including Little Lake) (71, 72-7,8-W6)  
 \* *Hunting of game birds in Saskatoon Lake Federal Migratory Bird Sanctuary is prohibited.*

#### Boreal WMUs

502 Stebbing Lake (63-7-W4)  
 523 Winagami Lake (76,77-18,19-W5)  
 523 Kimiwan Lake (78-19-W5)  
 523 Lac Magloire (79-21-W5)

## VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS

The use of vehicles, including off-highway vehicles (OHVs), is controlled by various regulations. Refer to the enclosed Wildlife Management Unit Map for more information.



This symbol on the enclosed map indicates that special restrictions apply to all vehicles. Kananaskis Country, in WMUs 404 – 410, has a variety of special vehicle restrictions outlined in the pamphlet *Forest Land Use Zones*. For more information on the special restrictions, contact any office of Alberta Sustainable Resource Development in Kananaskis Country.

#### Forest Land Use Zones (F.L.U.Z.)

**F.L.U.Z.** This symbol on the enclosed map identifies a number of environmentally sensitive areas along the eastern slopes that have been designated as Forest Land Use Zones and have limitations on recreational use and access. For more detailed information on Forest Land Use Zones, contact the Information Centre in Edmonton (see page 14).

#### Wildland Provincial Parks

Hunting is allowed in the Wildland Provincial parks shown on the enclosed WMU map. However, special access restrictions apply to all motorized vehicles. For example, Bob Creek Wildland Provincial Park provides a network of designated trails on which only specific OHVs (quads and snowmobiles) may be operated from May 1 to December 15. For more detailed information, contact a Fish and Wildlife Division office (see page 14).

#### Hunting with Motorized Vehicles

It is unlawful to

- discharge a firearm within 46 m (50 yards) of an OHV (see definition on page 10);

- discharge a **weapon** at antelope from within 46 m (50 yards) of a vehicle;
- use motorized travel within Willmore Wilderness Park; and
- carry a weapon (see definition on page 11) on an OHV **between 1 hour before sunrise and the following noon** during an open season for big game on public land in the following WMUs: 102-166, 200-260, 300-360, 400-446, 507, 508, 514, 521, 522, 526 and 841.

This does not apply when the operator is on a direct route to or from a location accessible by vehicles designed for highway travel and his or her isolated campsite, and the weapons and ammunition are carried out of view in separate locked containers.

Also, the restriction does not apply in a WMU when the only big game season open is a spring black bear season.

**NOTE:** Be aware that this restriction applies where grizzly bear seasons are open.

#### Recreation Trails

A number of forested areas throughout Alberta have designated recreation trails. These areas allow a variety of activities including hiking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. Trail users and backcountry travellers should be aware of current land use restrictions. For more information on recreation trails, contact the Information Centre in Edmonton (see page 14).

#### Trappers' Trails

Many trails on Crown lands are created and maintained by trappers. To avoid interference with trapline operations, recreationists are urged to avoid motorized use of trails marked with signs indicating "Active Trapline," especially during trapping seasons of November through February.

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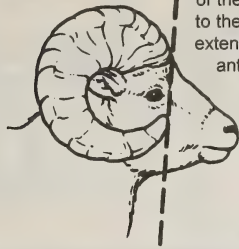


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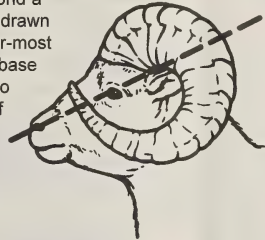
### Be Careful!

Study a ram carefully when determining its trophy status. Be sure to view the ram's head from a horizontal plane and in profile, with the front of the right and left horn bases aligned. Views from below, in front, or any other perspective other than "in profile" will not provide for accurate judgement. Some rams may not be legal even if they are old or have horns severely broomed or with turned up tips.

**Trophy Sheep** — A male bighorn sheep with horns, one of which is of sufficient size that a straight line drawn from the most anterior point of the base of the horn to the tip of the horn extends beyond the anterior edge of the eye when viewed in profile.



**Full-Curl Trophy Sheep** — A male bighorn sheep with horns, one of which is of sufficient size that when viewed in profile, its tip extends upward beyond a straight line drawn from the rear-most point of the base of the horn to the centre of the nostril.



lamb



yearling ewe

**Non-trophy Sheep** — A female bighorn sheep or a male bighorn sheep under one year of age.

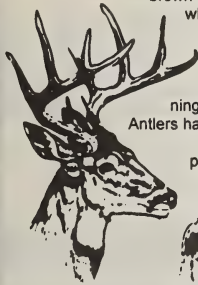


yearling ram  
(illegal)



adult ewe

**White-tailed Deer** — Body color grey to reddish brown, under body white. Tail large and bushy, brown on upper surface and white on lower surface.



Tail often held erect and "flagged" when animal runs. Gait a series of short running dashes and bounds.

Antlers have individual tines off main beams. Antlers present on males only.



**Mule Deer** — Body color grey to brownish grey, under body white.

Ears prominent; tail compact, rope-like, and black-tipped; rump patch white. Tail held down when animal runs. Gait a series of stiff-legged bounds. Antlers branched and present on males only.

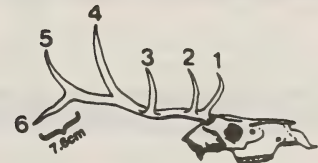


### Antlered

A white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose or elk having an antler exceeding 10.2 cm (4 in.) in length.

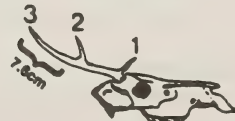
### Antlerless

A white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose or elk that is not "antlered" (as defined above).



**Six-point Elk** — A male elk bearing an antler that is composed of a main beam from which project not fewer than five tines, each of which is at least 7.6 cm (3 in.) in length.

**Note:** The tip of the main beam must be at least 7.6 cm (3 in.) from the base of the last tine counted.



**Three-point Elk** — A male elk bearing an antler that is composed of a main beam from which project not fewer than two tines, each of which is at least 7.6 cm (3 in.) in length.

**Note:** The tip of the main beam must be at least 7.6 cm (3 in.) from the base of the last tine counted.

**Trophy Antelope** — A male pronghorn antelope that has a horn at least 12.6 cm (5 in.) in length.



**Non-trophy Antelope** — A female pronghorn antelope or a male pronghorn antelope having horns not more than 7.6 cm (3 in.) in length.

**Woodland Caribou** — Woodland Caribou are classified as Threatened animals in Alberta.

**THERE IS NO OPEN SEASON FOR CARIBOU.**



male



female



## Moose

**Cow** – large, long nose and face; eyes appear close to top of head; rectangular body proportions; 1.8 m (6 ft.) high at the shoulder; may be found alone.

**Calf** – small, short nose and face; eyes appear more centered between tip of nose and top of head; squarish body proportions; 1.2 m (4 ft.) high at the shoulder; seldom found alone.

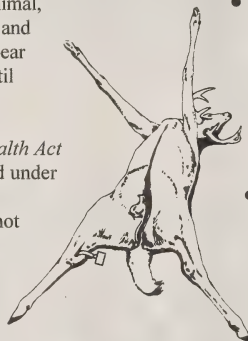


## EVIDENCE OF SEX, SPECIES AND CLASS

Evidence of sex, species and class must be retained (cannot be surgically or otherwise removed) on the carcass of big game animals, except black bear, until the carcass is delivered to either of the following:

- the usual residence of the person who killed the animal, and the carcass is actually being butchered, cut up and packaged for consumption. In the case of grizzly bear or cougar, the evidence of sex must be retained until the animal has been registered (page 38), or
- a premises\* in respect of which there is a Food Establishment Permit issued under the *Public Health Act* or Licence for the Operation of an Abattoir issued under the *Meat Inspection Act*.

\*Note: The evidence of sex, species or class cannot be removed until it is delivered to one of these premises.



The evidence of sex, species or class that must be retained is as follows:

- moose, elk, deer, antelope and non-trophy sheep** – attached to the same part of the animal to which the tag is affixed, one of the following:
  - testicles, scrotum, or udder, and in the case of deer only, the completely haired tail, or

- the head with horns or antlers attached if the animal has horns or antlers, or
- the head (complete with the skin on it) if the animal has no horns or antlers, and
- in addition,
  - the complete skull plate with horns or antlers intact must be retained with the carcass of the male antelope, male elk or male non-trophy sheep
  - the complete head must be retained with the carcass of a calf moose harvested under authority of a Calf Moose Special Licence.
- grizzly bear and cougar** – one of the following attached to the skin and visible:
  - in the case of a male, the scrotum
  - in the case of a female, a teat or a portion of a mammary gland.

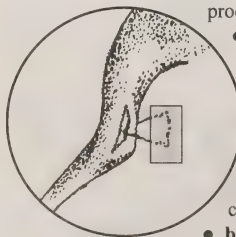
To retain the scrotum or udder, cut to one side of the scrotum or udder when opening the animal for gutting. If you skin your game, the scrotum or udder must remain attached to the meat. If you remove testicles and penis, leave the entire scrotum intact. The meat will not be tainted.

## TAGGING

NOTE: Antlered moose, elk and deer must **NOT** be tagged around the antler base. Please review the following instructions.

**Immediately** after killing a big game animal, the appropriate tag(s) must be affixed and securely locked to the animal as follows:

- trophy sheep, goat** – one tag through the nostril and, as soon as the skin is removed from the skull, one tag around the lower bone of the eye socket leaving the horns and eye intact.
- moose, elk, deer, antelope and non-trophy sheep** – through the space between the bone and the tendon of a hind leg directly above the hock and around either the bone or the tendon.
- bear and cougar** – to the skin.



primary licence holder must, immediately upon arriving at the carcass, tag the animal in the normal fashion (See page 20 for more information).

Tags must remain affixed until, in the case of

- trophy sheep, goat** – the animal is registered (page 38) and the skin is processed.
- moose, elk, deer, antelope or non-trophy sheep** – the carcass is delivered to the usual residence of the person who killed the animal or to a premises (i.e., meat plant or butcher shop) in respect of which there is a Food Establishment Permit issued under the *Public Health Act* or Licence for the Operation of an Abattoir issued under the *Meat Inspection Act* and the carcass is actually being butchered, cut and packaged for consumption.
- bear and cougar** – the skin is processed.

## Partner Licence

Upon killing an animal, a partner must immediately inform the primary licence holder (and vice versa – if the primary licence holder kills the animal, he or she must immediately inform the partner) of the killing. The

To tag your kill using the paper tag that comes with your licence, attach the wire loop to the animal as described above for various species and classes. Close and secure the loop by affixing the adhesive tag over the free ends of the wire.



## ALBERTA SPECIAL HUNTING LICENCES FOR ELK AND BIGHORN SHEEP

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Canada in cooperation with Alberta Sustainable Resource Development, conducts two raffles for Alberta residents only, to raise funds for the conservation, restoration and enhancement of wildlife and wildlife habitat within the province.

In addition to hunting during any open antlered elk season in Alberta (except WMUs 624; 728; 730) the elk licence is also valid from December 1 to December 31 in those WMUs, anywhere in Alberta where there was an antlered elk season (except WMUs 624; 728; 730; 936). In addition to hunting during any regular trophy sheep season in Alberta the sheep licence is also valid from November 1 to December 15 anywhere in Alberta where there was a trophy sheep season.

Three previous Alberta Special Licences produced bighorn rams scoring 208 3/8, 205 and 190+. You could break these records by purchasing elk and bighorn sheep raffle tickets for \$10/each.

Tickets are available from Elk Foundation Chapters or by contacting:  
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## BOWHUNTING

**Note:** The following applies to bowhunting other than with a cross-bow. For information about hunting with cross-bows, see page 61.

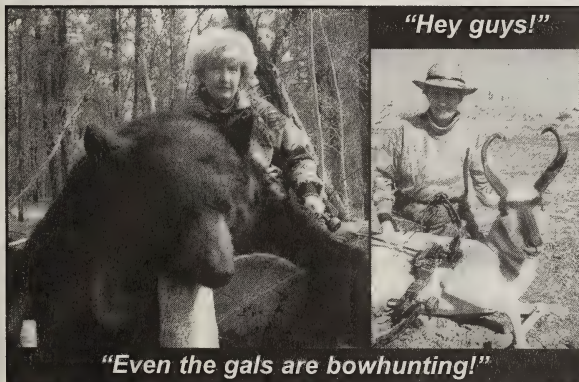
Except for the hunting of black bear, coyote or wolf under the circumstances outlined on page 30, a Bowhunting Permit is required by anyone who hunts big game, wolf or coyote with a bow and arrow. Bowhunters with appropriate general or special licences may hunt during the general seasons as well as archery-only seasons. A Bowhunting Permit is required in combination with a big game licence. In some areas of the province, hunters require special licences to hunt certain species of big game – see season tables. A hunter who obtains an Antlered Moose Special Licence, Antlerless Moose Special Licence, Calf Moose Special Licence, Antlered Mule Deer Special Licence, Antlerless Mule Deer Special Licence, Antlered White-tailed Deer Special Licence, Antlerless White-tailed Deer Special Licence, Antlered Elk Special Licence or Antlerless Elk Special Licence may, if an early archery season is offered, hunt under the authority of that licence during the archery season but only in the WMU specified on the licence and only for the type and species of animal for which the licence was issued. Bowhunters are reminded that, in some situations, archery-only seasons for some species may be in progress at the same time as rifle seasons for other species in the same WMU.

Persons hunting big game must use an authorized bow and an authorized arrow. An authorized bow is one that is held, drawn and released by muscular power and has a draw weight of not less than 18 kg (40 lb.). This is the number of kilograms (pounds) required to draw an arrow of 71 cm (28 in.) to its head. An authorized arrow is one that is not less than 61 cm (24 in.) in length having a sharp, unbarbed broad-head of not less than 2.2 cm (7/8 in.) in width.

Hunters are asked to remove their tree stands at the end of the hunting seasons unless permission has been granted by the landholder to do otherwise.

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## WILDLIFE COMPULSORY REGISTRATION

After harvesting **any** of the animals listed below, a hunter is legally required to register the kill at a Fish and Wildlife Division office (page 14) within the specified time period. Where parts are required to be submitted, they must be submitted at the time the animal is registered in person by the hunter who killed the animal. For species where parts are not required to be submitted, the hunter who killed the animal may not have to attend in person at the time of registration. Contact a Fish and Wildlife office (page 14) for further information.

- All goat (the incisor bar must be submitted);
- All grizzly bear (the skin and skull must be submitted complete with the evidence of sex attached and visible);
- All trophy sheep (the complete unaltered skull with horns and eyes intact must be submitted);
- Wolves taken in any of WMUs 300 to 316 or 400 to 426 under any authority (the skull must be submitted);
- All cougar (the skin must be submitted complete with the evidence of sex attached and visible).

**Registration Deadlines** – All registrations (except for cougar and grizzly bear) must be completed no later than 14 days after the close of the open season during which the animal was killed **or** 30 days after the date on which the animal was killed, whichever occurs first. Cougars must be registered within 1 business day following the kill. Grizzly bears must be registered within 4 business days following the kill. If an animal is

exported, it must first be registered.

Persons registering grizzly bear, goat, trophy sheep, cougar and wolf are required to provide the following information:

- species and sex of the animal,
- date and location of the kill.

The skulls of grizzly bear and wolf should be separated from the hides. Skulls will be temporarily retained to allow cleaning, examination, and the extraction of a small tooth for aging before being returned to the hunter.

As part of the registration process, trophy sheep horns will be fitted with a permanent identification marker. Other animals may be marked in another manner or retained for examination.

Compulsory registration provides information about the relative numbers of males, females and young in big game populations. It also provides the dates and locations of the harvest. Age structure and sex ratios provide an indication of population productivity (how many young survive to become adults) and status (increasing, decreasing or stable). The population and harvest data can then be used to determine the harvest goals or quotas for following years. This valuable information, provided by hunters, is essential for managing cougar, grizzly bear, goat, trophy sheep and wolves in Alberta.

## ATTENTION BEAR HUNTERS!

### Black Bear Baiting

Baiting of black bears is permitted in the following WMUs: 320-324, 330-338, 348, 358-360, 500-507, 509, 510, 512-520, 522, 523, 526, 529-536, 539-542, and portions of WMUs 357, 521, 528 and 544 (check with local Fish and Wildlife Division offices, page 14). However, the following restrictions also apply:

1) Baiting is prohibited within 1.6 km (1 mi.) of occupied dwellings. (Owners and occupants of dwellings are exempt from this restriction if they have permission to bait from the owners or occupants of all other dwellings within 1.6 km [1 mi.] of the bait. Other persons may also bait within 1.6 km [1 mi.] of an occupied dwelling if the bait has been authorized in writing by the owners or occupants of that dwelling and all other dwellings within 1.6 km [1 mi.] of the bait.)

2) Baiting is prohibited within 1.6 km (1 mi.) of provincial parks that are not designated as Wildland Provincial Parks, provincial and forest recreation areas and some industrial sites.

3) Each bait site must have a readily observable sign legibly showing the owner's name, WIN, Big Game Outfitter-guide Permit number, or Big Game Guide Designation Number.

4) Each bait must be posted with surrounding signs to warn other people of its presence.

5) Baiting is restricted to the open season and the preceding two weeks in each specific WMU. Contact a Fish and Wildlife Division office (page 14) for legal land descriptions or more information.

Hunters are reminded that Alberta's *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*, *Livestock Diseases Act* and the *Public Health Act* apply to baiting situations. Any livestock dying other than through proper slaughter for human consumption must be disposed of in prescribed ways and may not be used for baiting bears. Containers or wrappings made of paper, cardboard, plastic or other materials should not be left at bait sites. For the safety of others, baits should not be placed near active work sites (e.g., tree planting locations) and all bait sites must be cleaned immediately after the bear season.

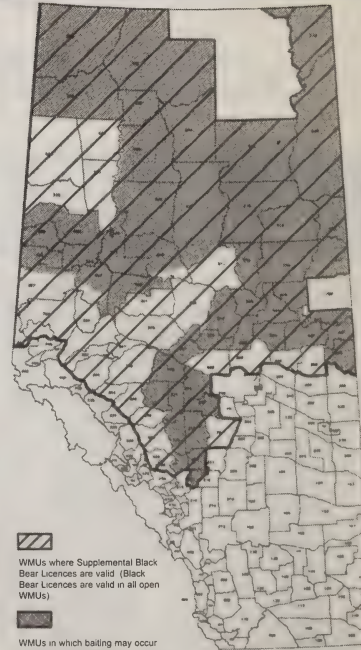
### Supplemental Black Bear Licences

Supplemental Black Bear Licences are available in the following WMUs: 224, 250, 258, 260, 320-360, 429, 445, 500-544 and 841.

## ATTENTION WOLF HUNTERS!

- Setting out bait for the purpose of hunting wolves is lawful except during a spring black bear season where the use of bait for hunting black bear is not allowed.

- Where/when there is an open spring black bear season and baiting for black bear is allowed, wolf baits must be signed/posted in the same manner as black bear baits. This requirement to sign/post wolf baits is not in effect in other circumstances where wolf baits are lawfully set.



WMUs where Supplemental Black Bear Licences are valid (Black Bear Licences are valid in all open WMUs)

WMUs in which baiting may occur (baiting is permitted only in portions of WMUs 357, 521, 528 and 544)

## ATTENTION BEAR AND COUGAR HUNTERS!

**Trichinosis** – To prevent possible trichinosis, a parasitic infection, bear and cougar meat should be thoroughly cooked before it is consumed by humans or pets.



## Sunday Hunting and Fixed-date Seasons

Please remember that hunting on Sunday is illegal over much of the province. Even where the listed opening or closing of a fixed-season falls on a Sunday, you may not hunt on Sunday unless you are in the Sunday Hunting Area (see insert map).



## Prairie WMUs (100 Series)



**Archery Only Seasons** are those where only a bow and arrow may be used to hunt.

**General Seasons** are those where either a firearm, cross-bow or a bow and arrow may be used.

■ Indicates seasons that apply only to hunters with applicable Special Licences. Refer to the 2005 Alberta Hunting Draws booklet for details.

Hunting is not permitted on Sundays except in the Sunday Hunting Area (see insert map).

Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
White-tailed Deer	Antlered	S7 - N2	(Thu, Fri, Sat only) N3 - N5 N10 - N12 N17 - N19 N24 - N26	102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 116, 118, 119, 124, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 148, 150, 151, 152, 156, 158, 160, 162, 163, 164
		S7 - O31	N1 - N30	166
	Antlerless	S7 - N2	■ (Thu, Fri, Sat only) N3 - N5 N10 - N12 N17 - N19 N24 - N26	102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 116, 118, 119, 124, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 148, 150, 151, 152, 156, 158, 160, 162, 163, 164
		S7 - O31	■ N1 - N30	166
Mule Deer	Antlered and Antlerless	S7 - N2	■ (Thu, Fri, Sat only) N3 - N5 N10 - N12 N17 - N19 N24 - N26	102, 104, 106, 110, 112, 116, 118, 119, 124, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 148, 150, 151, 152, 156, 158, 160, 162, 163, 164
		S7 - O31	■ N1 - N30	166
	Antlered	O1 - N2	■ (Thu, Fri, Sat only) N3 - N5 N10 - N12 N17 - N19 N24 - N26	108, 128, 130
	Antlerless	S7 - N2	■ (Thu, Fri, Sat only) N3 - N5 N10 - N12 N17 - N19 N24 - N26	108, 128, 130
Moose	Antlered and Antlerless	■ S7 - O31	■ N1 - N30	156, 158, 160, 162, 163, 164, 166

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Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
Elk	Antlered and Antlerless		■ S7 - S23 ■ S24 - O8 ■ O9 - O23	102
			■ S7 - S30 ■ O1 - O24 ■ O25 - N16 ■ N17 - D20	104
	Antlerless		■ S7 - S30 ■ O1 - O24 ■ O25 - N16 ■ N17 - D20	108

**Additional hunting opportunities in the Prairie WMUs:**

- Cypress Hills Elk Special Licence, Antelope Archery Special Licence, Non-trophy Antelope Special Licence and Trophy Antelope Special Licence. Refer to page 52 for season dates or to the **2005 Alberta Hunting Draws** booklet for further details.
- Cypress Hills Elk Archery Licence. Holders of this licence may kill 1 elk, either antlered or antlerless, with a bow and arrow in WMUs 116, 118 and 119 during the archery season, S7 - O3.

## BIG GAME SEASONS

### Parkland WMUs (200 Series & 728, 730, 936)

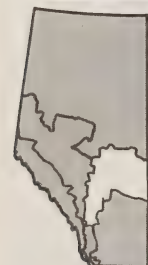


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**General Seasons** are those where either a firearm, cross-bow or a bow and arrow may be used.

- Indicates seasons that apply only to hunters with applicable Special Licences. Refer to the 2005 Alberta Hunting Draws booklet for details.

Hunting is not permitted on Sundays except in the Sunday Hunting Area (see insert map).



Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
White-tailed Deer <sup>1</sup>	Antlered and Antlerless	S7 - O31	N1 - N30	200, 202, 203, 204, 206, 208, 214, 216, 220, 221, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260
		S7 - N30		212, 248
		O17 - O31	N9 - N30	936 <sup>2</sup>
	Antlered	S7 - N2	(Thu, Fri, Sat only) N3 - N5 N10 - N12 N17 - N19 N24 - N26	210
	Antlerless	S7 - N2	■ (Thu, Fri, Sat only) N3 - N5 N10 - N12 N17 - N19 N24 - N26	210
Mule Deer <i>continued on next page</i>	Antlered and Antlerless	S7 - O31	■ N1 - N30	200, 202, 203, 204, 206, 208, 214, 216, 220, 221, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260
		S7 - N2	■ (Thu, Fri, Sat only) N3 - N5 N10 - N12 N17 - N19 N24 - N26	210



Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
Mule Deer <i>continued</i>	Antlered and Antlerless	S7 - N30		212, 248
	Antlered	S7 - O31	■ N1 - N30	250
Moose	Antlered and Antlerless	■ S7 - O31	■ N1 - N30	200, 202, 203, 204, 206, 208, 210, 214, 216, 220, 221, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260
		S7 - N30		212, 248
			■ N24 - D10 <sup>3</sup>	728, 730
		■ O17 - O31	■ N1 - N23	936 <sup>2</sup>
	Antlerless		■ (Mon. – Fri. only) O25 - D7 <sup>4</sup>	248 (Strathcona County portion only)
	Antlerless (calf only)		■ N24 - D10 <sup>3</sup>	728, 730
Elk	Antlered and Antlerless	S7 - N30		212, 248
			■ N24 - D10 <sup>3</sup>	728, 730
		■ O17 - O31	■ N1 - N23	936 <sup>2</sup>
	Antlered (3-point or larger) <sup>5</sup>	S7 - O24	O25 - N30	214
		S7 - O31	N1 - N30	216, 224
	Antlered	S7 - O31	■ N1 - N30	200, 202, 203, 232, 234
	Antlerless	S7 - O31	■ N1 - D20	200, 202, 203, 224
		S7 - O24	■ O25 - N20 ■ N21 - D20	214
		S7 - O31	■ N1 - N25 ■ N26 - D20	216, 232, 234
Black Bear <sup>6</sup>	Fall 2005	S7 - N30		212
			S7 - N30	200, 202, 203, 204, 206, 208, 214, 216, 220, 221, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260
	Spring 2006	Ap1 - Ma31		212
			Ap1 - Ma31	200, 202, 203, 204, 206, 208, 214, 216, 220, 221, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260
Cougar <sup>7</sup>	Not Applicable		D1 - F28	216

<sup>1</sup> The Supplemental Antlerless White-tailed Deer Licence is valid in WMUs 204, 206, 208, 214, 216, 220–236, 242, 250, 252, 256, 258 and 260. The 2nd tag will only be valid in WMUs 234, 258 and 260.

<sup>2</sup> Hunters (including bowhunters) require a Firearms Discharge Permit to hunt in WMU 936. Self-registration discharge permits are no longer available. Hunters must contact the Cooking Lake/Blackfoot Grazing, Wildlife and Recreation Area office at **780-922-3293** for information on requirements to obtain the discharge permit. In WMU 936, vehicle access is permitted to the Staging Areas only. Horses are permitted only on designated trails and in open pastures. General area access is by muscular power only (Bicycle or Walking).

<sup>3</sup> From N24 - N26, this season is open only by means of archery, crossbow or muzzleloader.

<sup>4</sup> This season is open only by means of archery, cross-bow, muzzleloader or shotgun.

<sup>5</sup> See page 35 for descriptions of 3-point or larger elk.

<sup>6</sup> The Supplemental Black Bear Licence is valid in WMU 224, 250, 258 and 260.



7 The cougar season in specific WMUs will close prior to the closing date on this table if either the total quota or the female quota for those WMUs is reached. Before hunting cougars in any WMU, hunters must ensure that the season in that WMU remains open, by calling the toll-free cougar hotline (1-800-661-3729) and listening to the message listing current closures. The hotline is updated regularly, and, by calling after 4:30 p.m., hunters can confirm which units will be open the next day.

#### Additional hunting opportunities in the Parkland WMUs:

- Antlerless Deer (WMUs 212 & 248) Licence. Holders of this licence may kill two antlerless deer, either white-tailed deer or mule deer, with a bow and arrow (but not a cross-bow) in WMUs 212 and 248 during the archery-only season, S7 – N30.
- Foothills Deer Licence. Holders of this licence may kill 2 antlerless deer, either white-tailed deer or mule deer, with a bow and arrow, cross-bow, shotgun, or muzzleloader in WMU 212 on the following dates: D1 – D20 (Monday to Friday only). When hunting, they must carry written permission from the landowner involved.
- WMU 212 Antlerless Elk Archery Licence. Holders of this licence may kill 1 antlerless elk with a bow and arrow (but not a cross-bow) in WMU 212 during the archery only season, S7 – N30.
- Camp Wainwright Deer Special Licence. Refer to page 52 for season dates or the *2005 Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet for further details.
- Strathcona White-tailed Deer Licence. Holders of this licence may kill two white-tailed deer, only 1 of which may be antlered, with a bow and arrow, cross-bow, muzzleloader or shotgun in that portion of WMU 248 within the Counties of Strathcona and Leduc only from Mondays to Fridays between the following dates: O25 – D7. Information about this hunt is available from the Fish and Wildlife Division district office in Edmonton and from Strathcona County Hall, 2001 Sherwood Drive, Sherwood Park.

## BIG GAME SEASONS



### Foothills WMUs (300 Series)



**Archery Only Seasons** are those where only a bow and arrow may be used to hunt.

**General Seasons** are those where either a firearm, cross-bow or a bow and arrow may be used.

- Indicates seasons that apply only to hunters with applicable Special Licences. Refer to the 2005 Alberta Hunting Draws booklet for details.

Hunting is not permitted on Sundays except in the Sunday Hunting Area (see insert map).

Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
White-tailed Deer <sup>1</sup>	Antlered and Antlerless	S7 - O31	N1 - N30	310, 312, 314, 322, 324, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 348
		S7 - O24	O25 - N30	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308
		A25 - S16	S17 - N30	326, 328, 330, 339, 340, 342, 344, 346, 347, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356
	Antlered	A25 - S23	S24 - N30	316
		A25 - S16	S17 - N30	357, 358, 359, 360
		S7 - O31	N1 - N30	318, 320
	Antlerless	A25 - S16	N1 - N30	360
		A25 - S16	N1 - N7	358, 359
		A25 - S23	N1 - N30	316
		S7 - O31	N1 - N7	318, 320
		A25 - S16	N1 - N15	357

Big Game Seasons in FOOTHILLS WMUs continued next page



Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
Mule Deer	Antlered and Antlerless	S7 - O31	■ N1 - N30	310, 312, 314, 318, 320, 322, 324, 332, 334, 336, 337, 348
		S7 - O24	■ O25 - N30	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308
		A25 - S16	■ S17 - N30	357, 358, 359, 360
	Antlered	A25 - S16	S17 - N30	326, 328, 330, 339, 340, 342, 344, 346, 347, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356
		A25 - S23	S24 - N30	316
		S7 - O31	■ N1 - N30	338
	Antlerless	A25 - S16	■ S17 - N30	326, 346
Moose	Antlered and Antlerless	S7 - O31	■ N1 - N30	316, 337, 338
		■ S7 - O31	■ N1 - N30	310, 312, 314, 318, 320, 322, 324, 332, 334, 336
	Antlered	A25 - S23	■ S24 - O31 ■ N1 - N30	339, 340, 342, 344, 346, 347, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360
		■ S7 - O31	■ N1 - N30	348
		■ S7 - O24	■ O25 - N30	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308
		■ A25 - S23	■ S24 - O31 ■ N1 - N30	326, 328, 330
	Antlerless	■ A25 - S23	■ N1 - N30	357
	Antlerless (calf only)	A25 - S23	■ S24 - N30	353*, 354
		■ A25 - S23	■ N1 - N30	359, 360
Elk	Antlered (3-point or larger) <sup>2</sup>	A25 - S16	S17 - N30	326, 328, 330, 339, 340, 342, 344, 346, 347, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360
		S7 - O24	O25 - N30	302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314
		S7 - O31	N1 - N30	316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 348
	Antlerless	A25 - S16	■ S17 - D20	340, 342, 344*, 346, 357, 358, 359, 360
		A25 - S16	■ S17 - N30	330, 353, 354, 355, 356
		S7 - O24	■ O25 - D20	302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310
		S7 - O31	■ N1 - D20	334, 336, 337, 338*, 348
		S7 - O31	■ N1 - N25 ■ N26 - D20	318, 320, 322, 324, 332
		S7 - O24	■ O25 - N20 ■ N21 - D20	312, 314
Trophy Sheep <sup>3</sup>	Resident		A25 - O31	326, 328 <sup>4</sup>
			S7 - O31	302 <sup>4</sup> , 303, 306, 308
Black Bear <sup>5,6</sup>	Fall 2005	A25 - S6	S7 - N30	351, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360
		A25 - S16	S17 - N30	326, 328, 330, 339, 340, 342, 344, 346, 347, 349, 350, 352
		S7 - S23	S24 - N30	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314
			S7 - N30	316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 348
	Spring 2006		Ap1 - Ma15	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314
			Ap1 - Ma31	316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 342, 344, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 352
			Ap17 - Ju15	351, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360
Cougar <sup>7</sup>	Not Applicable		D1 - F28	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 342, 344, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 352



# WILD GAME PROCESSING



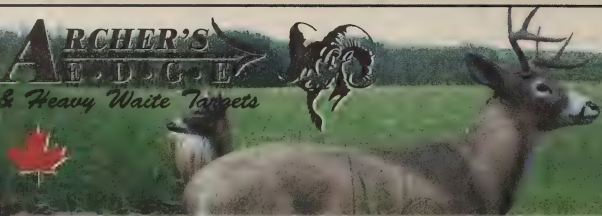
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	Sept. 5	6:56	8:12	6:44	8:03	6:50	8:14	6:37	8:10	6:56
	Sept. 10	7:04	8:01	6:53	7:52	6:59	8:01	6:47	7:56	7:07
	Sept. 15	7:12	7:50	7:01	7:40	7:08	7:49	6:57	7:43	7:18
	Sept. 20	7:20	7:38	7:09	7:28	7:17	7:37	7:07	7:29	7:29
	Sept. 25	7:28	7:27	7:17	7:17	7:25	7:25	7:17	7:16	7:40
	Sept. 30	7:36	7:16	7:25	7:05	7:34	7:12	7:27	7:02	7:51
	Oct. 1	7:37	7:14	7:27	7:03	7:36	7:10	7:29	7:00	7:54
	Oct. 5	7:44	7:05	7:34	6:53	7:43	7:00	7:38	6:49	8:03
	Oct. 10	7:52	6:54	7:42	6:42	7:52	6:49	7:48	6:36	8:14
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	Oct. 20	8:09	6:33	8:00	6:20	8:11	6:26	8:09	6:10	8:37
	Oct. 25	8:17	6:23	8:09	6:10	8:21	6:15	8:20	5:58	8:49
	Oct. 30	7:26	5:13	7:18	5:00	7:30	5:05	7:31	4:48	8:01
	Nov. 1	7:29	5:10	7:21	4:57	7:34	5:01	7:36	4:42	8:05
	Nov. 5	7:36	5:03	7:29	4:50	7:42	4:53	7:44	4:33	8:15
	Nov. 10	7:45	4:55	7:38	4:41	7:51	4:44	7:55	4:23	8:27
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	Dec. 15	8:34	4:30	8:28	4:14	8:44	4:14	8:56	3:45	9:33
	Dec. 20	8:37	4:31	8:32	4:16	8:48	4:16	9:00	3:47	9:37
	Dec. 25	8:39	4:34	8:34	4:19	8:50	4:19	9:02	3:50	9:39
	Dec. 30	8:40	4:38	8:34	4:23	8:51	4:23	9:02	3:55	9:39
	Jan. 1	8:40	4:40	8:34	4:25	8:50	4:25	9:02	3:57	9:38
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	Feb. 20	7:39	6:02	7:31	5:49	7:42	5:55	7:40	5:39	8:08
	Feb. 25	7:29	6:10	7:20	5:58	7:31	6:04	7:28	5:50	7:55

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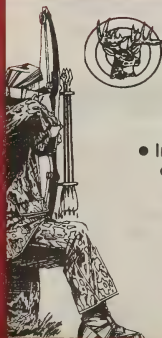
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Hinton		Lac La Biche		Lethbridge		Peace River		Red Deer		Whitecourt	
Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set
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- \* The draw season for calf moose in WMU 353 and antlerless elk in WMUs 338 and 344 applies only to a portion of the WMU.
- 1 The Supplemental Antlerless White-tailed Deer Licence is valid in WMUs 310, 312, 314, 322-356 and 360. The 2nd tag will only be valid in WMUs 336-338, 346, 348, 349 and 360.
- 2 See page 35 for descriptions of 3-point or larger elk.
- 3 Hunting sheep is prohibited in several areas. See Restricted Areas for Trophy and Non-trophy Sheep on page 33.
- 4 WMUs 302 and 328 are open only for full-curl rams.
- 5 The baiting of black bears is permitted in WMUs 320, 322, 324, 330, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 348, 358, 359, 360, and portions of 357.
- 6 The Supplemental Black Bear Licence is valid in WMUs 320-360.
- 7 The cougar season in specific WMUs will close prior to the closing date on this table if either the total quota or the female quota for those WMUs is reached. Before hunting cougars in any WMU, hunters must ensure that the season in that WMU remains open, by calling the toll free cougar hotline (1-800-661-3729) and listening to the message listing current closures. The hotline is updated regularly, and, by calling after 4:30 pm, hunters can confirm which units will be open the next day.

**Additional hunting opportunities in the Foothills WMUs:**

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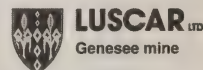
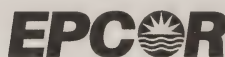
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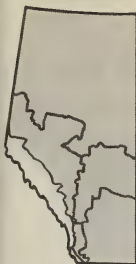
# Mountain WMUs (400 Series)

**Archery Only Seasons** are those where only a bow and arrow may be used to hunt.

**General Seasons** are those where either a firearm, cross-bow or a bow and arrow may be used.

■ Indicates seasons that apply only to hunters with applicable Special Licences. Refer to the 2005 Alberta Hunting Draws booklet for details.

Hunting is not permitted on Sundays except in the Sunday Hunting Area (see insert map).



Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
White-tailed Deer <sup>1</sup>	Antlered and Antlerless	S7 - S23	■ S24 - N30	404, 406, 408
		S7 - N30		410
		A25 - S16	S17 - N30	436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446
	Antlered	A25 - S16	S17 - N30	412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 429, 430, 432, 434
		S7 - S23	S24 - N30	400, 402
	Antlerless	A25 - S16	N1 - N30	412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434
		S7 - S23	N1 - N15	400, 402
		A25 - S16	N1 - N15	429
Mule Deer	Antlered and Antlerless	S7 - S23	■ S24 - N30	400, 402, 404, 406, 408
		S7 - N30		410
	Antlered	A25 - S16	S17 - N30	412, 414, 417, 429, 432, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446
		A25 - S16	■ S17 - N30	416, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 430, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439
Moose	Antlered and Antlerless	S7 - S23	■ S24 - N30	404, 406
		S7 - N30		410
	Antlered	A25 - S23	■ S24 - O31	412, 414, 445, 446
		A25 - S23	■ S24 - N30	416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444
		■ A25 - S23	■ S24 - O31 ■ N1 - N30	429
		S7 - S23	■ S24 - N30	408
		■ S7 - S16	■ S17 - N30	400, 402
Elk	Antlered and Antlerless	S7 - N30		410
	Antlered (6-point or larger) <sup>2</sup> and Antlerless	S7 - S16	■ S17 - N30	404, 406, 408
	Antlered (6-point or larger) <sup>2</sup>	A25 - S16	■ S17 - N30	416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 428, 430
		A25 - S16	S17 - N30	412, 414, 426, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446
	Antlered (3-point or larger) <sup>2</sup>	A25 - S16	S17 - N30	429
		S7 - S16	S17 - N30	400, 402
	Antlerless	S7 - S16	■ S17 - N30	400, 402
		A25 - S16	■ S17 - N30	438*, 439

*Big Game Seasons in MOUNTAIN WMUs  
continued on page 48*



Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
Goat	Not Applicable		■ S17 - O31	400, 442, 444
Trophy Sheep <sup>5</sup>	Resident	S7 - O31		410
		■ S7 - N30		410
			■ A25 - S23 ■ S24 - O31	437
			■ N1 - N10 ■ N11 - N20 ■ N21 - N30	438 <sup>10</sup>
			A25 - O31	412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 429 <sup>6</sup> , 430, 432, 434, 436, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444 <sup>3</sup> , 445
			■ A25 - O31	444 <sup>4</sup> , 446
			S7 - O31	400 <sup>6</sup> , 402, 404, 406, 408
		■ N1 - N30		408 (west of Highway 40)
	Non-resident and Non-resident Alien <sup>7</sup>	■ S7 - N30		410
			■ S1 - O15	412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444 <sup>3</sup> , 445
Black Bear <sup>8</sup>	Fall 2005	A25 - S6	S7 - N30	412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446
		A25 - S16	S17 - N30	429
		S7 - N30		410
			S7 - N30	400, 402, 404, 406, 408
	Spring 2006	Ap1 - Ma31		410
			Ap1 - Ma15	400, 402, 404, 406, 408
			Ap1 - Ma31	429
			Ap17 - Ju15	412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446
Cougar <sup>9</sup>	Not Applicable	D1 - F28		410
			D1 - F28	400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 429, 430, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446

\* The draw season for Antlerless Elk in WMU 438 applies only to a portion of the WMU.

<sup>1</sup> The Supplemental Antlerless White-tailed Deer Licence is valid in WMUs 436-446.

<sup>2</sup> See page 35 for descriptions of 3-point or larger elk and 6-point or larger elk.

<sup>3</sup> The season for Trophy Sheep in WMU 444 applies only to the portion south of the Beaverdam Road.

<sup>4</sup> The draw season for Trophy Sheep in WMU 444 applies only to the portion north of the Beaverdam Road.

<sup>5</sup> Hunting of sheep is prohibited in several areas. See Restricted Areas for Trophy and Non-trophy Sheep on page 33.

<sup>6</sup> WMUs 400 and 429 are open only for full-curl rams.

<sup>7</sup> These seasons are only valid for hunters who have obtained Trophy Sheep Special Licences through a Class S Outfitter-guide or through a draw (Non-resident [Canadians] only).

<sup>8</sup> The Supplemental Black Bear Licence is valid in WMUs 429 and 445.

<sup>9</sup> The cougar season in specific WMUs will close prior to the closing date on this table if either the total quota or the female quota for those WMUs is reached. Before hunting cougars in any WMU, hunters must ensure that the season in that WMU remains open, by calling the toll-free cougar hotline (1-800-661-3729) and listening to the message listing current closures. The hotline is updated regularly, and, by calling after 4:30 p.m., hunters can confirm which units will be open the next day.

<sup>10</sup> The draw season for Trophy Sheep is valid in Area 438C (See *2005 Alberta Hunting Draws Booklet*).

#### Additional hunting opportunities in the Mountain WMUs:

- Non-trophy Sheep Special Licence, Trophy Sheep Special Licence (portion of WMU 408 lying west of Highway 40 or in WMU 446 and that portion of WMU 444 north of Beaverdam Road or in WMU 438C), and Grizzly Bear Special Licence. Refer to page 52 for season dates or to the *2005 Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet for further details.





## Boreal WMUs (500 Series & 841)

**Archery Only Seasons** are those where only a bow and arrow may be used to hunt.

**General Seasons** are those where either a firearm, cross-bow or a bow and arrow may be used.

■ Indicates seasons that apply only to hunters with applicable Special Licences. Refer to the 2005 Alberta Hunting Draws booklet for details.

Hunting is not permitted on Sundays except in the Sunday Hunting Area (see insert map).

**Bison** – In the area west of highway 35 and north of the Chinchaga River and the Keg River Metis Settlement, bison is a protected species. No one is allowed to hunt bison in this area.

Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
White-tailed Deer <sup>1</sup>	Antlered and Antlerless	S7 - O31	N1 - N30	500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510
		A25 - A31	S1 - N30	511, 512, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 524, 525, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 534, 536, 539, 540, 542, 544
	Antlered	A25 - S16	S17 - N30	521, 522, 523, 526, 527, 535, 537
			S17 - N30	841
	Antlerless	A25 - S16	N1 - N7	522, 526
			N1 - N30	841
		A25 - S16	N1 - N30	521, 523, 527, 535, 537
Mule Deer	Antlered and Antlerless	S7 - O31	■ N1 - N30	500, 505, 507, 508, 509, 510
		A25 - S16	■ S17 - N30	521, 522, 523, 526, 527
	Antlered	A25 - A31	S1 - N30	511, 512, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 524, 525, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 534, 536, 539, 540, 542, 544
		A25 - S16	S17 - N30	535, 537
		S7 - O31	■ N1 - N30	501, 502, 503, 504, 506
			S17 - N30	841
Moose	Antlered and Antlerless	S7 - O31	■ N1 - N30	500, 501, 502, 504, 506, 507, 509
		■ S7 - O31	■ N1 - N30	508
	Antlered		■ S17 - O31 ■ N1 - N30	841
		A25 - S23	■ S24 - O31 ■ N1 - N30	521, 522, 523, 526, 527, 535, 537
		A25 - A31	■ S1 - O31 ■ N1 - N30	511, 512, 514, 515, 516, 519, 520, 524, 525, 528, 536, 544
		A25 - A31	■ S1 - O31	517, 518, 529, 530, 542
			N1 - N30 <sup>2</sup>	517, 518, 529, 530, 542
		S7 - O31	■ N1 - N30	503, 505, 510
		A25 - A31	■ S1 - N30 <sup>3</sup>	531, 532, 534, 539, 540
	Antlerless (calf only)	S7 - O31	■ N1 - N30	505, 510
		■ A25 - S23	■ N1 - N30	521, 522, 523, 526, 527

*Big Game Seasons in BOREAL WMUs continued on page 51*



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Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
Elk	Antlered (6-point or larger) <sup>4</sup>	S7 - O31	■ N1 - N30	509
	Antlered (3-point or larger) <sup>4</sup>	S7 - O31	N1 - N30	504, 505, 507, 510
		A25 - S16	S17 - N30	521, 522, 523, 527
	Antlerless	A25 - S16	■ S17 - D20	521, 522, 523, 526, 527
		S7 - O31	■ N1 - D20	504, 507, 509, 510
	Antlered	A25 - S16	■ S17 - N30	526
Black Bear <sup>5,6</sup>	Fall 2005	A25 - A31	S1 - N30	511, 512, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 524, 525, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 534, 536, 539, 540, 542, 544
		A25 - S6	S7 - N30	521, 522, 523, 526, 527, 535, 537
			S7 - N30	500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510
			S17 - N30	841
	Spring 2006		Ap1 - Ma15	841
			Ap1 - Ma31	500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510
			Ap17 - Jul5	511, 512, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 534, 535, 536, 537, 539, 540, 542, 544
Cougar <sup>7</sup>	Not Applicable		D1 - F28	505, 507, 510

1 The Supplemental Antlerless White-tailed Deer Licence is valid in WMUs 500-511, 514, 520, 521, 523-525, 528, 534-544. The 2nd tag will only be valid in WMUs 500 and 502-510.

2 Hunters with Antlered Moose Special Licences obtained through a draw are not eligible to hunt during this season.

3 If hunting with an Outfitter-Guide, hunters should note these WMUs are split into two seasons: Sept. 1 – Oct. 31 or Nov. 1 – Nov. 30.

4 See page 35 for description of 3-point or larger elk and 6-point or larger elk.

5 The baiting of black bears is permitted in WMUs 500-507, 509, 510, 512-520, 522, 523, 526, 529-536, 539-542 and portions of 521, 528 and 544.

6 The Supplemental Black Bear Licence is valid in WMUs 500-544 and 841.

7 The cougar season in specific WMUs will close prior to the closing date on this table if either the total quota or the female quota for those WMUs is reached. Before hunting cougars in any WMU, hunters must ensure that the season in that WMU remains open, by calling the toll-free cougar hotline (1-800-661-3729) and listening to the message listing current closures. The hotline is updated regularly, and, by calling after 4:30 p.m., hunters can confirm which units will be open the next day.



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## Season Dates And Locations (refer to page 11 for month abbreviations)

### Non-trophy Sheep Special Licence

Areas 416, 418A*, 418B*, 420, 422A*, 426A*, 430A*, 430B*, 432, 434A*, 434B*, 437, 438A*, 438C*, 438D*, 440, 442, 444, 445A*, 445B*.....	S7 - O31
Areas (402 - 303, 306)*, 402 - 308*, 402A*, 406A*, 406B*, 408A*, 408B*.....	S10 - O31
Area 410.....	S7 - N30
Area 438C*.....	N1 - N30

\* These areas comprise either a portion of one WMU or all of one WMU and a portion of an adjacent WMU. See descriptions in the *2005 Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet.

### Camp Wainwright Deer Special Licence (WMUs 728 and 730)

Primitive Weapons .....	N24 - N26
Rifle .....	N28 - N30, D1 - D3, D5 - D7, D8 - D10

### Antelope Archery Special Licence

WMUs 102, 104, 106, 108, 112, 116, 118, 119, 124, 128, 138, 140, 142, 144, 148, 150, 151, 152, 160, 162, 163, 164, 166.....	S7 - S25
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### Trophy Antelope Special Licence

WMUs 138, 142, 144, 150, 151, 152, 160, 162, 163, 164, 166 .....	S26 - O1
WMUs 102, 104, 106, 108, 112, 116, 118, 119, 124, 128, 140, 148 .....	O17 - O22

### Non-trophy Antelope Special Licence

WMUs 128, 140 .....	O20 - O22, O24 - O26
WMUs 150, 151, 152, 160, 162, 163, 164, 166 .....	S29 - O1, O6 - O8

### Cypress Hills Elk Special Licence

WMUs 116, 118, 119 and 624.....	Tue., Wed., Thu., Fri. only, O4 - N25
WMUs 116, 118 and 119.....	Tue., Wed., Thu., Fri. only, N29, 2005 - J6, 2006

### WMU 300 Elk Special Licence .....

S7 - O24, O25 - D24, D25 - F21, 2006

### Grizzly Bear Special Licence

The list of WMUs that will be open for the 2006 spring hunt will be available in winter 2005.

Refer to the *2006 Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet for details on what seasons will be open and how to apply for special licences that will be available in the fall 2006 and spring 2007.

## Other Species

### Season Dates and Locations

**NOTE:** It is unlawful, with the following exceptions, to allow the pelt of any furbearing animal to be wasted:

It is not legally necessary to salvage pelts of 1) furbearing animals taken in accordance with regulations authorizing control of problem wildlife, or 2) coyotes harvested, by residents, outside of public lands in the Green Area.

#### Timber Wolf

A Resident may, without a licence, hunt (but not trap) timber wolf from the opening of any big game season in a particular WMU to May 31, 2006, or until June 15, 2006 in WMUs where black bear seasons are open until June 15, 2006.

A Non-resident or Non-resident Alien who holds a Non-resident/Non-resident Alien Wolf/Coyote Licence may hunt (but not trap) timber wolf from the opening of any big game season in a particular WMU to May 31, 2006, or until June 15, 2006 in WMUs where black bear seasons are open until June 15, 2006.

It is unlawful to use bait to hunt wolves during spring black bear seasons where baiting is not allowed for black bear (see page 38).

#### Coyote

A Resident may, without a licence and on land to which he or she has the right of access, hunt (but not trap) coyote at all times of the year throughout the province, except as follows:

- 1) on public lands in the Green Area, only from October 1, 2005 to February 28, 2006, and
- 2) in Camp Wainwright (WMUs 728 and 730), only from December 12, 2005 to February 28, 2006.

See page 30 for information on coyote hunting for control of livestock predation.

Subject to the exception (\*) below, a Non-resident or Non-resident Alien who holds a valid Non-resident/Non-resident Alien Wolf/Coyote Licence may hunt coyote on lands to which he or she has the right of access at all times of the year throughout the province – except on public lands in the Green Area where the season is from October 1, 2005 to February 28, 2006.

\*Exception: if a big game season (other than a cougar season) is open in the area he or she is hunting, then the Non-resident or Non-resident Alien hunter of coyotes must possess a current big game licence issued for that area and open season.

#### Red Fox and Badger

A Resident may, without a licence and at all times of the year, hunt (but not trap) red fox and hunt badger on any privately owned land to which he or she has the right of access.

#### Bobcat

A resident may, without a licence and at all times of the year, hunt (but not trap) bobcat in WMUs 102, 104, 106, 108, 112, 116, 118, 119 and in the portion of WMU 110 that lies east of highway 2 and south of highway 3.

#### Other Animals

Porcupine, rabbit, hare, skunk, raccoon and woodchuck may be hunted, but not trapped\*, without a licence throughout the province, at all times of the year.

\* The trapping of rabbit, hare, skunk and raccoon is authorized without a licence under some circumstances. Please refer to the *2005 Alberta Guide to Trapping Regulations*, available in September, 2005.





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## Falconry Hunting

Holders of a Recreational Falconry Permit are permitted to hunt upland game birds and migratory game birds, by means of falconry, in all areas of the province except in national parks and those restricted areas identified on pages 30 through 34. In order to hunt game birds with a falconry bird, a falconer requires a Wildlife Certificate plus

- a Game Bird Licence if hunting grouse, partridge or ptarmigan;
- a Game Bird Licence and a Pheasant Licence if hunting pheasants; or
- a Game Bird Licence and a Federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit if hunting migratory game birds.

## Seasons

The open season to hunt upland game birds by means of falconry is from August 15, 2005 to March 31, 2006 (Sundays included). Migratory game birds may be hunted by means of falconry during the designated open season for migratory birds (Sundays included) (pages 56 to 61).

## Bowhunting

Hunters wishing to hunt game birds with a bow and arrow, other than a cross-bow, require a Bowhunting Permit in addition to the other applicable licences.

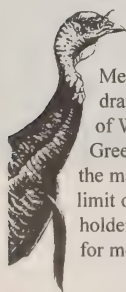
## Designated Pheasant Release Sites

The operation of the pheasant hatchery at Brooks was privatized in April 2000 with a non-government partnership, the Canadian Pheasant Company. For more information about the pheasant release program, please contact the Canadian Pheasant Company (403-362-4122).

During the open season for male pheasants, the hunting of game birds, including pheasants, is not permitted in the following designated pheasant release sites after 2:00 p.m. on any day, except Saturdays.

## WMU

- 152 Millicent Buck for Wildlife Project (NE19 and 30-20-13-W4)
- 206 Buffalo Lake Buck for Wildlife Project (9 and SW10-40-21-W4)
- 210 Bigelow Buck for Wildlife Project (3, E9, SW10 & LSD 12 and 13 of 10-34-25-W4)



## Merriam's Turkey Draw

Merriam's Turkey Special Licences are issued through a draw. Licences will be valid in all of WMU 302 and that part of WMU 305 that is within the shaded area (refers to the Green Area established under the *Public Lands Act*) shown on the map. The season is from May 1 to May 31, 2006 with a bag limit of one bearded Merriam's turkey per special licence holder. Please read the *2005 Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet for more information on how to apply for this draw.

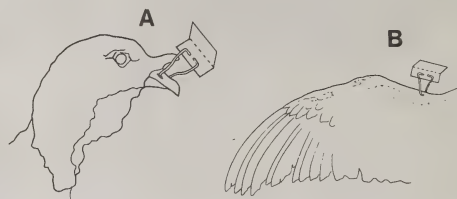
Each Merriam's turkey harvested must be tagged

- immediately after the bird is killed, and
- in the manner described below with the paper tag supplied with each licence. All instructions on the back of the paper tag must be followed.

Tags must remain affixed until the carcass is delivered to

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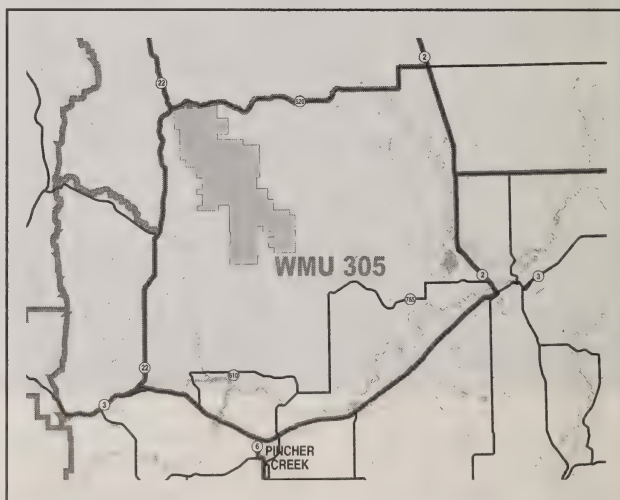
## Merriam's Turkey Tagging Instructions



Tagging Instructions: (A) place wire through the nares, or (B) through the patagium between the tendon and the bones of the wing.

Please refer to items 2, 12 and 13 of Prohibitions, Game Bird section (pages 17 and 18) for additional requirements concerning weapons and evidence of sex and species for Merriam's turkey.

## WMU 305



## West Nile Virus

### *Are hunters at risk of West Nile virus when handling hunter-killed birds?*

Health officials advise that there is no evidence or reason to believe that there is any risk of getting West Nile virus from handling hunter-killed birds in Alberta. Free-flying birds are unlikely to contain sufficient virus to pass on an infection. In addition, the only evidence of direct transfer of West Nile virus from birds to humans without going through a mosquito are two accidental infections when lab technicians were handling heavily infected crows. Similarly, hunting dogs are not at risk when retrieving hunter-killed birds.

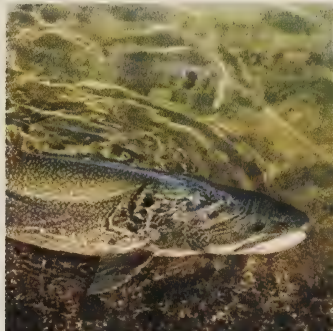
Hunters are advised to take precautions against being bitten by mosquitoes, which are common in wetland habitats and are active at dawn and dusk when temperatures are suitable for insect activity.



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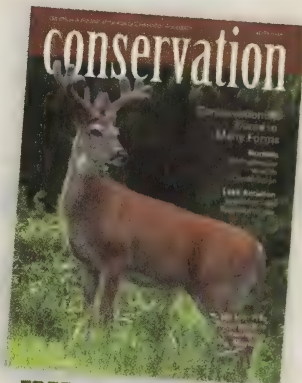
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## Special Hunting Areas

In WMUs 212 and 248 the hunting of game birds is only permitted with bows and arrows, cross-bows, shotguns or a falconry bird.

In WMU 410 the hunting of game birds is permitted only with bows and arrows or a falconry bird.

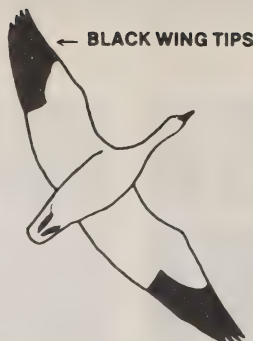
## Please Remember

Federal regulations prohibit the use of lead shot or cross-bows for hunting waterfowl.

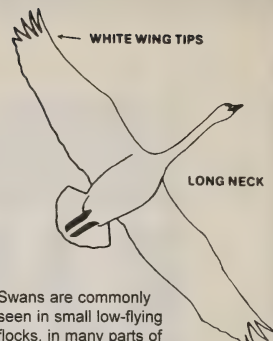
All birds are protected except the following: Starlings, Crows, Pigeons, House (English) Sparrows, Magpies, Blackbirds, Common Grackles, Brown-headed Cowbirds, Ravens (hunted on private land by residents) and any other birds for which an open season has been declared by the regulations as indicated in this summary.

## SAGE GROUSE ARE PROTECTED

Sage grouse are listed as an endangered species in Alberta. If you hunt upland game birds within the range of sage grouse, be sure your target is not a sage grouse.



**SNOW GOOSE**



**SWAN** (Do Not Shoot)

Swans are commonly seen in small low-flying flocks, in many parts of Alberta during the late fall.

## GAME BIRD BAG LIMITS

Species	Daily Limit	Possession Limit	Species	Daily Limit	Possession Limit	Requirements
Male Pheasant	2	6	Snow Goose and Ross' Goose	20	60	(a) of which not more than five (5) may be white-fronted geese. (b) of which not more than ten (10) may be white-fronted geese. (c) of which not more than four (4) may be a pintail. (d) of which not more than eight (8) may be pintails. (e) may be hunted with Special Licence only.
Ruffed Grouse	10	20	Canada Goose and White-fronted Goose	8 (a)	16 (b)	
Sharp-tailed Grouse	5	10	Ducks	8 (c)	16 (d)	
Ptarmigan	5	20	Common Snipe	10	20	
Blue Grouse	5	10	Coot	10	20	
Spruce Grouse	10	20	Merriam's Turkey	1 (e)	1 (e)	
Gray Partridge	5	10				

## GAME BIRD SEASONS

### Prairie WMUs (100 Series)

See page 11 for definitions of month abbreviations used in seasons.

Hunting is not permitted on Sundays, except in the Sunday Hunting Area (see insert map), and except for white geese which may be hunted on Sundays throughout the province.



Species	Season	WMUs
Male Pheasants	O15 - N15	102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 116, 118, 119, 124, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 148, 150, 151, 152, 156, 158, 160, 162, 163, 164, 166
Ruffed and Spruce Grouse	S15 - N30	108, 110, 132, 151, 152, 156, 158, 160, 162, 163, 164, 166
Sharp-tailed Grouse	O1 - O31	102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 116, 118, 119, 124, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 148, 150, 151, 152, 156, 158, 160, 162, 163, 164, 166
Gray Partridge	S15 - N30	102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 116, 118, 119, 124, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 148, 150, 151, 152, 156, 158, 160, 162, 163, 164, 166
Ducks, Coots, Common Snipe, White-fronted and Canada Geese and Snow and Ross' Geese (including falconry hunting)	S8 - D23	102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 116, 118, 119, 124, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 148, 150, 151, 152, 156, 158, 160, 162, 163, 164, 166





## Parkland WMUs (200 Series & 728, 730, 936)

See page 11 for definitions of month abbreviations used in seasons.

Hunting is not permitted on Sundays, except in the Sunday Hunting Area (see insert map), and except for white geese which may be hunted on Sundays throughout the province.



Species	Season	WMUs
Male Pheasants	O15 - N15	200, 202, 203, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 220, 221, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 936 <sup>1</sup>
Ruffed and Spruce Grouse	S15 - N30	
Sharp-tailed Grouse	O1 - N15	214, 216, 221, 224
	O1 - O31	200, 202, 203, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 220, 222, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 936 <sup>1</sup>
Gray Partridge	S15 - N30	200, 202, 203, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 220, 221, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 936 <sup>1</sup>
Ruffed and Sharp-tailed Grouse (Camp Wainwright) <sup>2</sup>	S3 - S5	728, 730
Ducks, Coots, Common Snipe, White-fronted and Canada Geese and Snow and Ross' Geese (including falconry hunting)	S1 - D16	200, 202, 203, 204, 206, 208, 216, 220, 221, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 936 <sup>1</sup>
	S8 - D23	210, 212, 214

<sup>1</sup> Hunters (including bowhunters) require a Firearms Discharge Permit to hunt in WMU 936. Self-registration discharge permits are no longer available. All hunters for WMU 936 are required to attend a safety orientation prior to receiving their discharge permit. Please contact the Cooking Lake/Blackfoot Grazing, Wildlife and Recreation Area office, (780-922-3293) in order to receive information regarding orientation dates and requirements for obtaining your discharge permit.

<sup>2</sup> WARNING: Hazards in the form of unexploded military munitions may exist throughout Camp Wainwright. Hunters are advised not to touch any foreign objects. **Camp Wainwright officials have advised that all hunters using shotguns to hunt game birds at Camp Wainwright must use non-toxic shot. Lead shot is not allowed.**



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## Foothills WMUs (300 Series)

■ Indicates a season that only applies to hunters with a Merriam's Turkey Special Licence. Refer to the 2005 *Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet.

See page 11 for definitions of month abbreviations used in seasons.

Hunting is not permitted on Sundays, except in the Sunday Hunting Area (see insert map), and except for white geese which may be hunted on Sundays throughout the province.



Species	Season	WMUs
Male Pheasants	S1 - O31	350, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360
	O15 - N15	300, 302, 304, 305, 310, 312, 314, 320, 322, 330, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 348, 349
Ruffed and Spruce Grouse	S1 - N30	316, 318, 344, 346, 347, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360
	S15 - N30	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 342, 348
Blue Grouse	S1 - N30	316, 318, 326, 328, 344, 347, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356
	S15 - N30	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 320, 324, 339, 340, 342
Sharp-tailed Grouse	S1 - N30	344, 346, 347, 349, 350, 351, 352
	O1 - O31	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360
	O1 - N15	310, 312, 314, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 342, 348
Ptarmigan	S1 - D15	316, 318, 355, 356
Gray Partridge	S1 - N30	344, 346, 347, 349, 350, 352, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360
	S15 - N30	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 320, 322, 324, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 340, 342, 348
Merriam's Turkey	■ 2006 Ma1 - Ma31	302, and part of 305 (see page 54).
Ducks, Coots, Common Snipe, White-fronted and Canada Geese and Snow and Ross' Geese (including falconry hunting)	S1 - D16	316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 342, 344, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360
	S8 - D23	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314

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## GAME BIRD SEASONS



### Mountain WMUs (400 Series)



See page 11 for definitions of month abbreviations used in seasons.

Hunting is not permitted on Sundays, except in the Sunday Hunting Area (see insert map), and except for white geese which may be hunted on Sundays throughout the province.

Species	Season	WMUs
Ruffed and Spruce Grouse	S1 - N30	412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446
	S15 - N30	400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 429
Blue Grouse	S1 - N30	412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446
	S15 - N30	400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 429
Sharp-tailed Grouse	O1 - O31	400, 402
Ptarmigan	S1 - N30	412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446
	S15 - N30	400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410
Ducks, Coots, Common Snipe, White-fronted and Canada Geese and Snow and Ross' Geese (including falconry hunting)	S1 - D16	400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 429, 430, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446

## GAME BIRD SEASONS



### Boreal WMUs (500 Series & 841)



See page 11 for definitions of month abbreviations used in seasons.

Hunting is not permitted on Sundays, except in the Sunday Hunting Area (see insert map), and except for white geese which may be hunted on Sundays throughout the province.

Species	Season	WMUs
Male Pheasants	S1 - O31	511, 521, 522, 523, 526, 527, 535, 544
	O15 - N15	500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 514, 515
Ruffed and Spruce Grouse	S1 - N30	501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 509, 510, 511, 512, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 534, 535, 536, 537, 539, 540, 542, 544
	S15 - N30	500, 507, 508, 841
Sharp-tailed Grouse	S1 - N30	511, 512, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 524, 525, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 534, 535, 536, 537, 539, 540, 542, 544
	O1 - O31	521, 522, 523, 526, 527
	O1 - N15	500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 514, 515, 841
Ptarmigan	S1 - D15	518, 519, 520, 524, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 534, 535, 536, 537, 539, 540, 542, 544

*Game Bird Seasons in BOREAL WMUs continued on page 61*



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Species	Season	WMUs
Gray Partridge	S1 - N30	500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 509, 510, 511, 514, 515, 521, 522, 523, 526, 527, 544
	S15 - N30	507, 508
Ducks, Coots, Common Snipe, White-fronted and Canada Geese and Snow and Ross' Geese (including falconry hunting)	S1 - D16	500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 534, 535, 536, 537, 539, 540, 542, 544
	S15 - D16	841

## HUNTING WITH CROSS-BOWS

Since the fall season of 2002, cross-bows are not "prohibited" for hunting wildlife in Alberta, although there may be federal licensing requirements. See page 26 for federal government contact information.

Cross-bows may not be used to hunt big game during archery-only seasons. The only exception is for an eligible handicapped hunter who has obtained a cross-bow licence.

A Bowhunting Permit, as required by bowhunters using conventional archery equipment, is **not** required by persons who are hunting with cross-bows.

In accordance with federal regulations, cross-bows may not be used for waterfowl hunting.

Persons hunting big game with a cross-bow must use an authorized cross-bow and arrow (bolt). An authorized cross-bow is one that requires 100 pounds or more of pull to draw the string or cable to its cocked position. There is no restriction on arrow length however the tip must bear a sharp, unbarbed 3 bladed bodkin head or a sharp steel unbarbed cutting head of at least 7/8 inch in width.

## GAME MANAGEMENT

### CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD) IN ALBERTA:

There is some public and media concern about potential human health risks associated with CWD. The Fish and Wildlife Division, in conjunction with Alberta Health and Wellness, has evaluated the risk and concluded that **all current information suggests that human infection with CWD is highly unlikely. In particular, the risk to humans who eat wild meat taken in Alberta is near-zero.**

As far as we know, Chronic Wasting Disease only infects members of the deer family. Clinical signs include weight loss, excessive salivation, lethargy, uncoordinated movement, and drooping head and ears. Based on current knowledge, this disease is limited to deer and elk (CWD has never been found in moose), affects individual body condition, does not spread rapidly, and has limited short-term impact on affected populations. There is a **perceived** theoretical human health risk associated with CWD; although there is no credible evidence to support this perception and growing evidence that it is unlikely.

Alberta has scientifically-credible risk assessments and surveillance programs for CWD. **However, we need your help.** The primary surveillance of wild deer and elk is based on voluntary submission of heads of hunter-killed animals. To June 2005, we have tested over 6000 heads of wild white-tailed deer, mule deer, and elk. **ALL SAMPLES FROM WILD DEER AND ELK IN ALBERTA WERE NEGATIVE FOR CWD.**

Due to scientific and logistical constraints, surveillance programs must target specific areas.

Detailed programs for 2005 are being developed at the time of writing this

summary, but before hunting seasons open, they will be identified in various Fish and Wildlife communications as well as on the Divisional web pages [www3.gov.ab.ca/srd/fw/ ].

For 2005, heads from hunter-killed **adult** deer and elk are requested from three target areas:


- Alberta/Saskatchewan border from Lloydminster to Provost, including WMUs 234, 236, 256, and 500.
- Alberta/Saskatchewan border from Acadia Valley to Irvine including WMUs 148, 150 and 151.
- central Alberta, including WMUs 248 (areas NORTH of Hwy 16), 250, 507, 508 and 349 (areas EAST of Hwy 32).

In addition to the wild surveillance, over 26,000 farmed elk and deer in Alberta have been tested (up to June 2005). CWD was found in one farmed elk and two farmed white-tailed deer. The national CWD control and eradication program was implemented and appropriate animals humanely removed and tested. No additional cases have been detected.

To date, Saskatchewan has identified 66 cases of CWD in wild deer in their province. Thus, there is an ongoing and apparently increasing risk to deer populations along the Alberta/Saskatchewan border. Deer densities in these areas already are above the desired population goals, and with additional disease risks, pose a significant management concern. Increased hunting opportunities will be used as the primary means of reducing the density of deer in border WMUs over the next few years.

Check the Wildlife Diseases web pages

[www3.gov.ab.ca/srd/fw/diseases/index.html] for additional background information about CWD.




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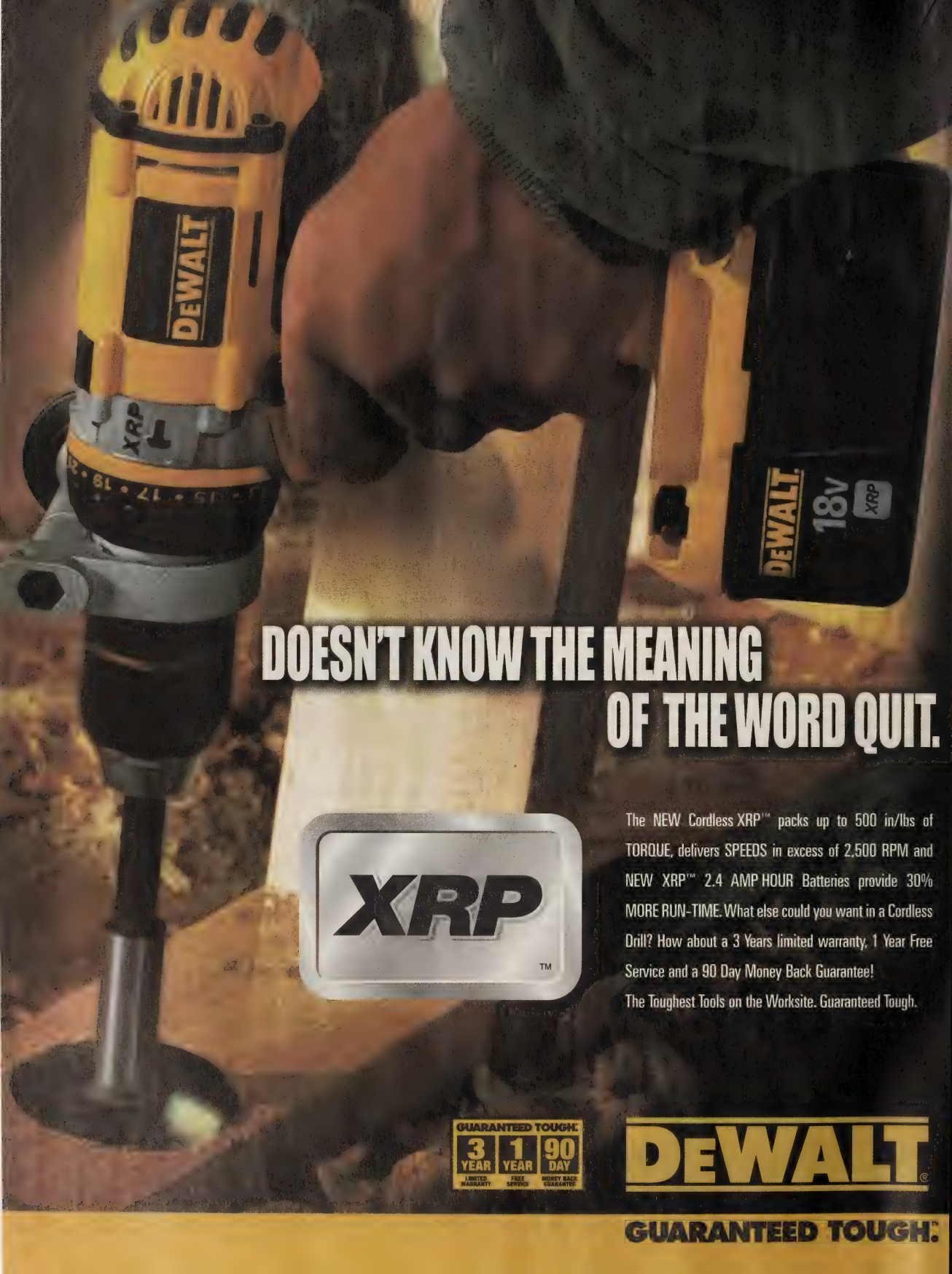
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## Marked Wildlife

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Some of these marked wildlife, as well as certain nuisance animals (e.g., some black bears), may have received drugs for medicinal purposes or to facilitate their capture and handling. Any such animal will be marked with a tag advising that the meat of the animal should not be consumed before contacting the Fish and Wildlife Division of Alberta Sustainable Resource Development.

## Population Status Information

Information from the harvest questionnaires, compulsory registrations and animal population surveys helps to determine the annual status of wildlife populations. It also helps monitor changes in animal populations over time. The information that hunters provide through programs like the harvest questionnaire and compulsory registration is vital to the management of

## Report Waterfowl Leg Bands by Telephone


All waterfowl leg bands recovered in North America can now be reported by telephoning the toll-free number **1-800-327-BAND** (1-800-327-2263). Calls can be made from anywhere in Canada or the United States, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. However, operators are only available from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. eastern time, Monday to Friday. After-hours and weekend callers will hear a recorded message requesting they leave their name and daytime telephone number so that the Bird Banding Lab can call them back. Recovered bands can still be reported by mail, or to the nearest office of the Fish and Wildlife Division (page 14), if you do not wish to report the band by telephone.

Alberta's wildlife resource. The Fish and Wildlife Division thanks all hunters who have cooperated by providing information.

A summary of the latest report on this information, *Harvest and Effort by Resident Hunters*, is posted on the Alberta Sustainable Resource Development Web site (<http://www3.gov.ab.ca/srd/fw/hunting/>). Click on *Hunter Information*.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## The Alberta North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP) Partnership



Most of us begin pondering what the upcoming hunting season will bring as the first signs of fall are upon us. But hunting of a different sort, for "trophy class" wetland and associated upland habitat, is a year round occupation for dedicated teams of wildlife professionals and their conservation agencies. These professionals work tirelessly to ensure that crucial habitat within certain Alberta landscapes retain balance between their dominant use - agriculture or forestry - and the many other benefits they sustain, like wildlife. These same people understand how habitat and hunting opportunities are inseparably linked, and seek to avoid a decline in either. For the last 19 years, the North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP) Partnership has successfully brought together 3 levels of government and non-government agencies in Alberta to take collective aim at protecting such crucial habitat.

While broad scale habitat plans, programs and partnerships are essential in the long term, climatic conditions will always be the major habitat influence in the short term. This year marks an optimistic change from the previous dry, and in some areas, unprecedented drought conditions. Several factors coincided to cause this change: high soil moisture last fall, good winter frost seal, decent snowpack and an abrupt and early melt. Resulting spring pond counts increased dramatically this year in central (parkland eco-region) and northern (boreal) regions, although southern (prairie) regions remained comparatively dry. Through unknown means, wetland-dependent wildlife immediately reoccupy these suddenly wetter regions. Increased breeding pair numbers, stronger breeding effort and rejuvenated habitat all translate

into a positive population force for waterfowl and other wetland species, especially if wetland improvement is sustained over consecutive years. Habitat programs play a critical component in this cycle: they are often the last remaining habitats in dry years and form the core of habitat complexes when good years like this return.

What sort of hunting success has the NAWMP partnership demonstrated? Although more difficult to measure than our own hunting trips, there are many successes to report. Most obvious of these are lands that are annually added to the conservation inventory through a variety of acquisition, conservation easements and various land management agreements. These projects number in the thousands and occur throughout northern, central and southern Alberta. But have there been successes beyond these significant project accomplishments? Yes, with prime examples including:

**Strong conservation partnerships.** As the conservation community comes to realize the enormity of the challenge and the resource limitations we each face, the necessity of sharing resources and focusing on common interests becomes obvious. The Alberta NAWMP partnership model is exemplary of cooperation and the envy of most other places across Canada. This cooperation in turn attracts new partners and funding opportunities, further strengthening support.

**Program diversification.** No single method would allow any agency or group of agencies to achieve our collective conservation goals. Now, in addition to continuing the critical work of protecting, restoring and managing hundreds of thousands of acres of premier habitat projects, we also commit to raising public awareness of the importance of wetland and support government's desire to enact that importance through its policies and actions. These three things: habitat projects, public awareness and supportive government actions, work in a comprehensive and complementary manner.

**Adaptive approach.** In addition to trying new things, there is a need to diligently adjust the programs, tools, and approaches based on evaluation and research results.



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Examples range from trimming or eliminating higher cost programs in favour of equally effective yet lower cost options, increasing sophistication of program targeting using GIS technology, and participating in new programs that hold significant future habitat promise. This continual process aims to maximize our conservation achievements at least cost.

The same principles of "trophy class" success described for the Alberta NAWMP Partnership applies to our personal hunting pursuits. Longstanding hunting

companions, diversifying our hunting techniques or locations, and staying adaptive are things that not only increase our daily success but also increase the value of our hunting experiences and feeds our appetite for many more excursions.

\* Alberta Agriculture, Food & Rural Development, Alberta Environment, Alberta Sustainable Resource Development, Ducks Unlimited Canada, Environment Canada/Canadian Wildlife Service, The Nature Conservancy of Canada, and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada/Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration.

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## USE RESPECT Program

The *Use Respect* program encourages recreational land users and landholders to understand and respect each other's rights and needs.

First introduced in 1983, the *Use Respect* program was designed in response to the concerns of farmers and ranchers about the general public accessing their land. Many groups, including outdoors people supported the campaign that appealed to all Albertans to act responsibly by observing the rights and property of others.

*Use Respect* signs, which provide people with information about limited access, restrictions on motorized vehicles, and who should be contacted for permission, are available at no charge at local Fish and Wildlife Division offices. Please begin your hunt by obtaining permission from the landholder.

***Use Respect. All you have to do is ask!***



Alberta Conservation Association's **REPORT A POACHER** program provides Albertans with the opportunity to report suspected violations using a toll-free number: **1-800-642-3800** or **#3800** on the **TELUS Mobility network**

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Fishing or hunting out of season, night hunting, exceeding bag limits, illegal sale of fish and wildlife and deposit of harmful substances in lakes and rivers are violations that seriously affect fish and wildlife in Alberta. If you see or know of a violation, you should record all information, including

- date
- time
- location
- vehicle licence number
- vehicle description
- description of person(s) involved
- details of violation, and any other details, no matter how insignificant they may seem. You should then contact the nearest Fish and Wildlife Division office or call **1-800-642-3800** as soon as possible.

If the information provided concerns a resource violation and results in the laying of a charge, the reporter may be eligible for a reward. If you have any questions about this program, please contact the nearest Fish and Wildlife Division office (page 14).

## Wild Game Public Health Advisory

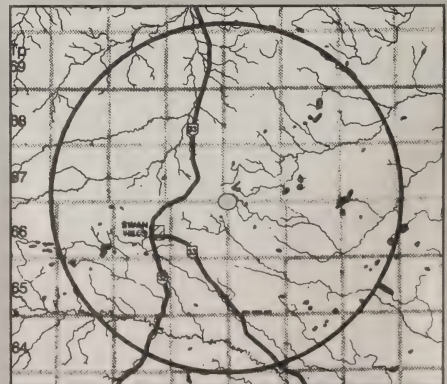
The wild game public health advisory for the Swan Hills area — originally issued on December 13, 1996, by the Provincial Health Officer — has been revised as a result of more extensive wild game testing. While recent test results confirm that eating wild game from the Swan Hills area poses no immediate threat to human health, it is recommended that individuals limit the amount of wild game eaten.

Wild game meat samples taken from near Swan Hills Treatment Centre were found to have elevated levels of PCBs, dioxins and furans. Because these contaminants may accumulate over time, the following precautionary measures are recommended:

- Limit consumption of wild game taken from within a 30-km radius (see map below) of the Swan Hills Treatment Centre to 13 ounces (370 grams) per month.
- Avoid eating organ meat (liver, kidney) or using fat from game harvested within a 30-km radius.
- If you are pregnant or breast feeding, avoid eating meat from wild game taken within a 30-km radius.
- Young children should avoid eating meat taken from within a 30-km radius.
- Continue to avoid eating fish taken from within a 30-km radius until fish sample testing is complete.

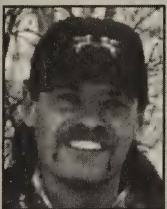
The advisory applies to animals taken last fall, as well as to those that will be taken in the coming year. It is in effect until further notice.

For more information, contact the Medical Officer of Health, Aspen Regional Authority at (780) 349-8705.





## MESSAGE from the PUBLISHER



**Rob Miskosky**

The 2005 Alberta hunting season is now upon us. And it is with great excitement we begin another year of great hunting adventures, great stories, great campfires and great company.

This is the time of year

that all outdoorsmen and women look forward to with so much more eagerness than any other season. It is our time to do what we love above all else... and that is enjoying Alberta's great outdoors, its wildlife and all its yet given secrets. It is hunting season!

Alberta is a fine province in which to be a hunter. We have untold numbers of deer with each season boasting trophies as good as or better than anywhere in the world. We continue to produce huge bull elk as can be attested to on page 80 of this year's guide and in guides of past seasons. Our antelope herds continue to do well with milder winters while our bighorn sheep still lead the world in every aspect. From our bears to our turkeys and waterfowl, Alberta hunters and those from other parts of Canada and the world, share in a bounty of opportunity.

Last year three Alberta hunters had hunting seasons that most can only dream of and all three need to be recognized for their accomplishments.

Cyril Paquin of Edmonton, Will Huppertz of Westlock and Brian Compo of Vilna, Alberta, all enjoyed fantastic 2004 hunting seasons.

In the case of Cyril, his Alberta Hunter of the Year award winning velvet mule deer has also been recognized as the Alberta Record Typical Velvet Mule Deer and ranks as high as 5th in the world. His bow-taken buck earns him \$500 and the distinction of being Alberta's 2004 Hunter of the Year.

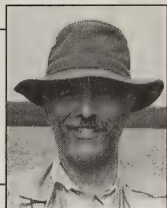
Will Huppertz also needs to be recognized for his achievement in harvesting a phenomenal bull elk with his bow. His bull scored better than 400 and is indeed a tremendous site to see.

Brian Compo also had a great 2004 season by connecting with a very handsome south-central Alberta white-tailed buck. Both Brian and Will earn \$250 and along with Cyril the right to appear on page 80 as well.

This hunting season I urge all hunters to treat each other with a tremendous amount of respect. We are a small group that needs to stick together and fight for what is right and what we know in hearts is right for the animals we pursue. Our future can only be made brighter by sticking and working together as a team.

Good hunting everybody!

# Partnering For Moose



by  
**Don  
Meredith**

**I**t was a good spot to call moose. The old logging road rose quickly from a steep creek crossing and mounted a ridge that looked over a lowland of muskeg and sparse second-growth poplar, where moose had been heard calling that morning. If a moose appeared below, I would be able to see it for a long way. The northwest wind was in my face from the left and I had a good spot to sit just on the edge of the road behind some shrubs.

My moose licence partner, Wayne Wilson, agreed this place was worth a try. After giving the terrain ahead and behind a good look, he decided to cover my backside by setting up on the far side of the narrow creek valley we had just crossed. We agreed he would remain quiet and wait for any bulls that might use the valley to come to my imitation of a love-sick cow.

Like many moose hunters in Alberta, our moose hunting team has been taking advantage of the Partner Licence (page 20) to increase our opportunities since it was first introduced a few

years ago. The licence allows a hunter who was not successful in the draw for a moose licence to partner with another hunter who was successful and share the one tag issued to the special (draw) licence holder. Both hunters must hunt as a team, ensuring that if one is successful at bagging a moose the other immediately ceases hunting moose. By staggering our draw priorities among the three of us, one of us has been drawn for a special licence each year, and two of us have been able to hunt moose each year.

The Partner Licence was not introduced in Alberta without some controversy. Despite the use of so-called "party licences" in other jurisdictions, the Alberta Fish and Wildlife Division was reluctant to introduce them here for many years because of the enforcement problems they could create. First, to many in the division, "party hunting" (which occurred illegally for years) invited abuses, such as shot animals left untagged in the bush until the owner of a legal tag could be found and the animal tagged. As well, having more than one person hunt on a single tag invites problems of overkill where it is possible that more than one moose could be killed in a short period of time. So, Fish and Wildlife wanted to have a system that would ensure hunting ceases immediately upon a moose being taken—hence, the rule that partners must "be in direct communication (not including the use of electronic devices)". Thus, the holder of a Partner Licence must not only be hunting with the holder of the applicable special

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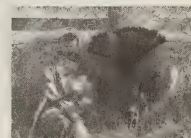
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licence, but also must be able to demonstrate that he or she is in direct contact with that person.

The problem is what constitutes "direct communication". Communication by electronic devices is already out-of-bounds by regulation (you can use these devices while hunting, but not to satisfy the "direct communication" requirement of the Partner Licence). Why are electronic devices excluded? To prevent the holder of the Partner Licence from hunting on that licence by himself and using a cell phone or radio to inform the special licence holder (who could be at home or work) that a moose is down and the tag is required (only the special licence holder can carry the tag or hunt by himself). Now if that sounds far-fetched, just talk to a veteran Fish and Wildlife Officer about how people try to bend the laws and regulations, and you'll quickly learn why such a regulation is deemed necessary.

Other forms of communication, other than waving or shouting, are technically legal but risky. In the early days of the Partner Licence, our team agreed on a signal of rifle shots as a way of keeping in touch. If you were one of the partners and you heard a shot coming from the direction where your partner was hunting, you would wait for a certain series of shots in the air to confirm an animal was down. This worked well until one year one of us shot a moose but wasn't sure the bull was down for several minutes. In the meantime, the partner, who heard the shot, encountered another bull he could have easily taken. Because he did not hear the code-shot sequence, he debated shooting this bull. Realizing his partner usually did not shoot unless the target was sure, he decided not to take the chance. Sure enough, as he continued in the direction of the original shot, he heard the signal

and realized he had made the right decision.

After that episode, we decided we needed to be hunting truly as partners—in the same area within direct and easy communication—yes, by waving or shouting. That was what Wayne and I were doing that afternoon when we found the calling spot on top of that ridge.



I waited a few minutes for Wayne to setup across the creek before I took my birch-bark cone and began moaning like a lonely cow moose. Between each call, I waited a few minutes, listening and watching. Hearing nothing of significance, I called again. Only the chirping of a distant red squirrel and the nattering of chickadees going about their business filled the void. As a change of pace, I began to add the grunts of an attentive bull.

Then my grunt was answered by one right behind me. I froze as my heart began hammering my chest. Slowly turning my head in the direction Wayne was supposed to be covering, I

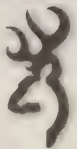
asked myself where he was? I crawled up to the top of the ridge to look into the creek bottom when I heard the distinctive sound of something very large coming through the bush just up the creek. I looked down to find Wayne taking aim with his rifle in the direction of the noise. I looked in that direction and saw trees and shrubs shake as the object headed straight in my direction. I raised my rifle but still couldn't see the animal.

Wayne fired, and the animal stopped in place and began thrashing a tree. I was still having trouble seeing it, so I left my position, whistling at Wayne to let him know where I was. He fired one more time and now I began to see the animal. It was weaving about and finally went down. We had our moose.

As it turned out, the moose didn't make the sound I had first heard; it had been Wayne. He had heard the moose coming through the bush. It had not been grunting or otherwise calling but was moving as quietly as possible in my direction. Wayne had grunted to slow the animal down so he could get his shot. The bull did slow and Wayne got his shot. Our partnership plan had worked.

The Partnership Licence is much more than just a piece of paper allowing you to share in the taking of a moose. It allows you to develop a plan for two hunters to truly work together as partners, increasing your opportunities and ensuring you only take one moose in a responsible manner. ■

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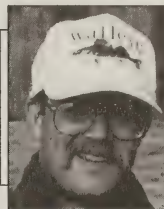
# HUNTING DEER YEAR-ROUND

KNOWING THE DEER IN YOUR AREA CAN PAY BIG DIVIDENDS COME NOVEMBER

**W**atching the clock near the end of the work day I was anxious to head out for an evening deer hunt. I was confident the big buck that frequented my hunting area was going to slip

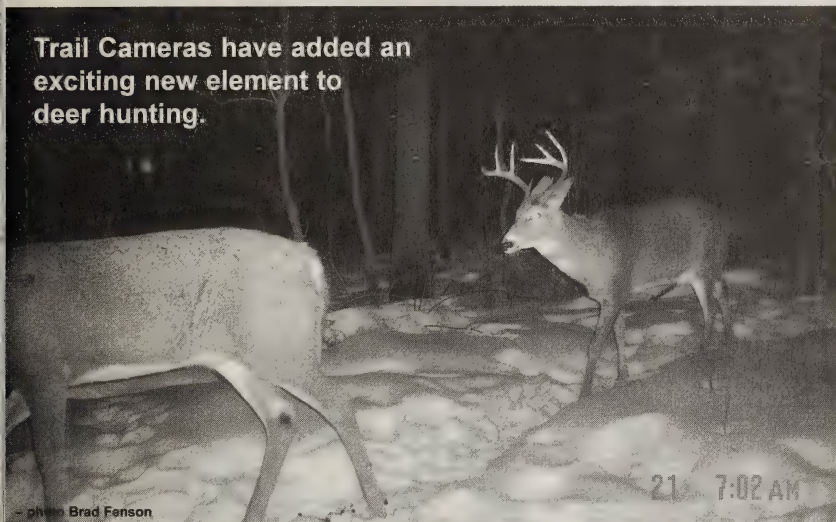
When the whistle blew to signify the end of office hours I was out the door in a flash. I picked up my son Cameron who was impatiently waiting for me at the door with our gear packed. We could hardly wait.

The nice thing about hunting white-tailed deer in Alberta is that there are big bucks throughout



by  
**Brad  
Fenson**

**Trail Cameras have added an exciting new element to deer hunting.**



up and wander into range on that cold November day. The rut was in full swing and I knew where the majority of deer were traveling and feeding. It was just a matter of getting into place and being patient.

the province and we have a great location close to home that we can sneak out to after work and school to enjoy a couple of hours of hunting before the sun sets. With recent mild winters the deer herds have continued to grow

at an incredible rate and trophies are showing up from all regions, even where there is heavy hunting pressure. The key is knowing the deer in your area, where they feed, travel, bed and what their routine is under different circumstances. I have been hunting the same property for over a decade and have paid attention to detail and made notes on deer activity and movement to refine my hunting methods and techniques. I have stands set up for morning hunts to cut deer off on their way back to bedding areas. Ground blinds are located on travel corridors and adjacent to key feeding locations for evenings or during the day when rut activity peaks. The key is finding the time to getting out there to figure everything out.

I have found key locations by doing lots of homework over the years and spending time in the field year round. I don't just hunt during November but hunt year round to make sure I know what caliber of deer I am hunting and what they are doing. Time is always a factor but with new technology it is easier than ever to hone in on deer and figure out the what, where and when of their daily activities.

When I first started scouting I would simply head to the field with a set of binoculars and watch deer from a distance. Learning where the deer were moving and what trails they utilized helped me to narrow down where they were feeding and what areas they used for bedding. Once that was established it was easy to set up along the travel routes or on key locations to get a shot opportunity. It was time consuming but well worth it. The early season scouting also provided me with a glimpse as to the caliber of bucks that were living in the area I hunted. Big bucks are often compared to ghosts, especially late in the season, once they have experienced some hunting pressure. However, in late August and early September the big bucks are less cautious and can often be found during daylight hours feeding on protein rich cereal grains or alfalfa. Spending a little time in the field late summer or early fall can be a real eye opener for anyone looking for a big buck.



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## Hunting and scouting year-round can play a big roll in the success of a hunter.

Unfortunately, with the fast paced world we live in not everyone has the time to spend in the field scouting. I know I don't have nearly as much time as I would like for preseason scouting activities but I have learned to take a few shortcuts and to take advantage of new technologies. I started off by using trail timers to determine when deer were using particular game trails, which let me know when I had to be in the field to set up so that I didn't spook game. They worked great. When trail cameras came along things really took a leap forward. I now have three camera units that I lock to trees or fence posts to do most of my scouting for me. I already know which trails are most active and the cameras record the time and date of deer movement, and even more importantly, give me a visual record of the caliber of deer that are living in my hunting area. These new inventions have revolutionized whitetail hunting.

I use the trail cameras

year round and actually spend less time scouting on foot than I did before. The new digital units can be set up with large memory cards, which store hundreds of photos. I can go out and check the unit every couple of weeks and change memory cards or move the unit to see what is going on elsewhere. I



simply take the card home and plug it into my computer and get a glimpse of what has been going on while I wasn't there. It can be incredibly exciting to get a whack of photographs and I am usually extremely anxious to get home and check things out. Going through the images I feel like a kid at Christmas and getting a shot of a big buck is just about as exciting as a successful hunt. It all helps build anticipation and excitement for the upcoming hunting season.

By moving the trail cameras around it doesn't take long to see patterns with deer. My son and I have named most of the deer in our area and they are very predictable at certain times of the

year. Even when the hunting season closes we continue to run the cameras as we start into the shed hunting season. It is always fun to find the sheds of a buck that you have pictures of.

It is interesting to note that every year a big buck, or two, shows up out of the blue during the rut. I don't know where they come from or where they go after the breeding season but it is nice to know they are out there.

I dropped Cam off at his blind before heading to the far fence line to watch one of my favorite areas. I had just settled in and was watching a doe and fawn feed their way out into the pasture. A nice four point buck showed up and put on a bit of a show grunting, posturing and chasing the other deer around. I knew the deer and had nicknamed him tall tines. It was too bad he hadn't grown a fifth point. Another doe emerged from cover and traveled across a grassy slough bottom. Knowing my hunting area and the deer in it really is a huge advantage. I was enjoying the show when the silence

was broken by the thunder of a muzzleloader from Cam's direction. I knew that he has been successful by the sound of the shot. I decided to sneak away to help celebrate his success and help him with the field chores at hand.

Cresting the hill near Cam's blind I could see his smile from 100 meters away. "I got my first buck with a muzzleloader dad," was the excited whisper.

Did our year-round hunting and scouting pay off? You bet! ■

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# Alberta's Prairie Pronghorn Experience



by  
**Kevin  
Wilson**

**C**rawling on all fours, I gingerly snaked my way through the maze of sage and fescue. But despite best efforts, I was unable to escape the inevitable puncture of several cactus

quills. Still needing to advance a couple hundred metres, my stalk was taking forever. I couldn't help but wonder if the buck would be where I last saw him. Plain and simple, I couldn't move fast enough; there just wasn't enough cover.

Each move had to be made with painstaking care.

It was the beginning of October and the rut was still in full swing. The herd buck I was after was working overtime to hold his does. He'd

obviously invested plenty of energy over the previous weeks collecting an inventory of prospective partners. In turn, breeding efforts were dictating non-stop attention to herd management. My approach was a simple one: locate a buck with a sizeable harem and chances are he's one of the dominant bucks in the area.

Over the previous two days of hunting, he was the biggest pronghorn I had laid eyes on. Without question, he was the one I wanted. Boasting 15 inches of horn, some non-typical character, and a smidge of ivory on one tip, he fit the bill nicely. Sure I was looking for that elusive 17-inch, but this buck was no slouch! Maintaining a harem of 20 does, he was clearly

working hard not to lose any of them. Always on the move, there were distinct challenges to stalking this herd. A vast expanse of wide open prairie grassland, 42 eyes watching for predators, strong winds and antelope on the move... these were the dilemmas I faced as I moved in for a shot.

Taking extra care to follow the lowest contours in the open landscape, every once in a while I was able to peek upward to confirm the whereabouts of the buck. Periodically I'd see

him mount a doe and then move on to check the others in his group.

As the hunt progressed my seemingly straightforward stalk evolved into a long and drawn out ordeal. In fact at one point I nearly gave up. But when I finally felt as



though I'd lost them amid the gentle rolling hills, I opted for one last push. Then it happened. Easing over a knoll, there before me was the entire group of 21. Extending my bipod as several does began to sprint, most appeared confused. More concerned with the threat of losing his does, the herd buck bolted a short distance in unison then stopped abruptly. But nothing is ever easy. Accompanied by so many does, he was completely surrounded.

Patiently biding time, I waited as several does eventually shifted exposing the buck. One, two, three... then all of them moved off a safe distance allowing me an unobstructed shot. Gently squeezing the trigger of my 7 mm Rem Mag, the bullet hit its mark bringing him

down! In many ways, my 2004 antelope hunt epitomized the Alberta prairie pronghorn experience.

## Drawing a Tag

Long recognized as one of the most vulnerable ungulate species in Alberta, hunting opportunities are only available through the limited draw process. Priority levels and the corresponding number of years of entry before being drawn can vary depending on the Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) selected. Prime Units in the southeastern corner of the province for instance, often require applicants to build a minimum of five years priority points before being drawing a gun tag. Archers on the other hand, generally require less priority to get drawn, e.g., many are successful after two or three years of entry.

But I'll qualify this by saying that the number of available tags can fluctuate considerably from year to year based on winter conditions and antelope survival rates. Bottom line: if you want to hunt antelope in Alberta, you best have priority in the draw system or alternatively plan your trip several years in advance.

## Strategies That Work

Hardcore antelope hunters try anything to get close to the fastest ungulate on the continent. Recognizing that eyesight and speed are their most impressive defence mechanisms, hunters have learned to employ both proactive and reactive strategies to avail shot opportunities. From decoying and calling, to sitting in blinds at waterholes or traditional fence crossings, to spot and stalk hunting, each method holds its own appeal. Different than other types of big game hunting, antelope hunters are often afforded several sightings and potential shot opportunities on any given day.

Regardless of your preferred hunting method, certain equipment is essential. From a quality spotting scope to a good binocular and rifle scope, given the vast distances on the prairies, good optics are a must. Finding them is one thing, but you can save a ton of boot leather by evaluating whether or not you want to pursue from a distance. Many of my days afield have involved hours of glassing from elevated points in the landscape. Meticulously scanning the horizon for the slightest variation in color or texture, distant antelope are divinely designed to blend in magnificently with the dull brown shades of the prairie landscape.

If you're fortunate enough to be drawn for a gun tag, a quality riflescope is invaluable.

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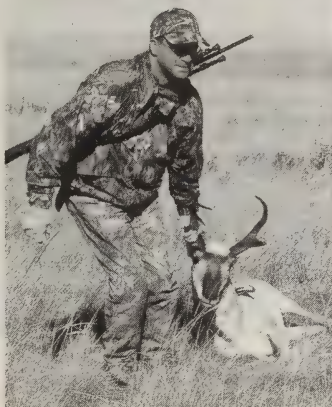


Many antelope hunters pride themselves in long range shooting, and as long as the hunter has the skill and rifle to back their ambition, manufacturers accommodate this desire. For my money, a standard variable 3-9 power scope is sufficient for shots out to 300 metres, but if you're accustomed to shooting greater distances, e.g., over 400 metres, then greater magnifications may be more suitable. An optic of greater magnification allows for up close and personal aiming at long ranges, but beware you best have a bipod or shooting sticks to use it.

Likewise, several rifles are suitable and selection comes down to preference. Some hunters like to use a smaller caliber, such as a .243 or .270, but for my money, I believe in a lighter bullet from flat shooting long-range centerfires like the 7 mm or 300 Win Mag.

Arming yourself with a call is one of the smartest moves you will ever make. Lohman manufactures an antelope challenge call that has virtually revolutionized the way many hunters pursue pronghorns. Like most game calls, it imitates rutting vocalizations and in my experience, is most effective in the pre and peak-rut periods.

Generally speaking, the latter half of September and early part of October are considered the rut. In my experiences bowhunting antelope, September 15th to the 28th marks the time when most does go into estrus. Although I don't recommend doing so during gun seasons, using a decoy to emulate a satellite buck during the rut can prompt up close and personal encounters for bowhunters



photos Kevin Wilson

**Hunting the pronghorn antelope in the most northern part of its habitat is an experience unto itself.**

during the rut. Possessive and frequently willing to challenge a satellite buck encroaching on their action, dominant herd bucks will often charge in to confront the intruder. Much like whitetails during the rut, satellite bucks are less wary and can often be stalked to

within bow range.

Regardless of how you like to hunt antelope, always consider the wind. Remember that it can work for or against you. The wide-open prairies, particularly in the early fall, are

notorious for heavy winds.

Most importantly, remember that hunting antelope at the northernmost tip of their home range is an experience unto itself. From the arid habitat to the vast expanses of wide-open grasslands, prairie pronghorns offer something no other species in Alberta does, not to mention exceptional table fare. ■

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# BACKPACK SHEEP HUNTING



by  
**T.J.  
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**L**ong before I had ever tread on the peaks of the Alberta Rockies, I dreamed of hunting sheep.

Tales of great hunts by O'Connor, Jeck and Russell, were the fuel for a desire that burned deep within me; a desire to hunt the majestic bighorn. These men were true pioneers of sheep hunting in this province and hunted during a time when hunts spanned weeks and were conducted using long pack trains of horses that took men and supplies deep into the mountains. Hunting sheep in the old days was a sport for wealthy U.S. hunters and old time horse wranglers. Things today, however, are different.

Certainly the opportunity to head deep into the mountains on horseback still exists, especially in places like the Willmore Wilderness, but there are a bevy of areas that can be hunted by those with a backpack, a good pair of boots and a lot of determination.

Certainly backpack hunters are more limited as to how deep into the wilderness they can head, but depending on the terrain, covering a dozen or more miles in a day is quite feasible. When you consider that many of the best sheep spots can be found within a four or five-hour hike of a major highway, it puts it into perspective just how many opportunities exist out there. Right from the upper reaches of the Kakwa to the headwaters of the Castle, there are great opportunities to score on a trophy bighorn across the Rockies.

If I had one tip for the budding backpack sheep hunter—other than the obvious getting in shape—it would be to wear out a set of boots during the summer checking out every spot that you have a hunch about or have heard a rumour about. Not only will this aid you in getting into shape, it will allow you to concentrate on the high-percentage areas during the actual season. Last year was a case in point. On opening day, I headed into a basin that I hadn't been into in months but I knew the trail and I knew the potential. To make a long story short, we left the truck well before daylight and made it back about 20 hours later with a beautiful ram strapped to my pack. Without the preseason scouting, I'd have never known about or had the knowledge to reach this spot in the timely fashion that we did.

Sheep hunting is not so much knowing where the sheep are but more where they could be. Spend enough time in enough good sheep country and you will succeed. Rare is the season where I won't find at least one legal ram and during a good year, that number could rise to a dozen or more. The strategy is simple really; keep hiking into areas that traditionally hold sheep at that time of the season. In Kananaskis, for example, certain mountains hold sheep at certain times of the year. Actually, the same can be said for most regions. Over nearly 20 years of



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hunting sheep in K-Country, I've come to learn where the best early, mid and late season locations are and hunt them accordingly.

I've developed a run-and-gun style of sheep hunting that has proven very successful. It involves covering a lot of miles and looking at a lot of mountains. In Kananaskis that may mean day-hunting a different valley each day. In other parts of the province it may involve a fifty kilometer hike over the course of three days. I rarely spend more than a day in a single location unless I'm awful sure there are some unseen rams there. It's this mobility that makes this style of hunting so effective.

Obviously, going light is the key. You need to take enough gear to hunt effectively and to survive any unseen circumstances but you also need to be able to pack a ram out. Two fit hunters can easily pack their gear and an entire ram out. My wife, Kim, took a huge ram in 1999. He was about six miles from the truck and the two of us managed, not without difficulty, but we did manage to get everything out in one trip. Before you start saying to yourself that it must be easy if some chick can do it, you should know that Kim is every bit as fit and tough as any male sheep hunter I know. This style of hunting is not for the weak of heart.

Each hunter's list of essentials will differ but for day hunts you'll need binoculars, spotting scope, tripod, rifle, ammunition, knife, rain gear, warm clothing, mitts, hat, fire starter and lighter, parachute cord, food, water, camera, headlamp, first aid kit, and meat bags. You may also want to include a range finder, bipod, and area maps. If you plan on spending a night or two, obviously you'll need some more food, a sleeping bag and a bivy sack or tarp to sleep under. The trick with backpack sheep hunts is not comfort but survival. I like to keep my pack to 45 pounds or less, including a rifle. This doesn't leave a lot of room for extras.

Oh yes, and of course you will need a pack. I've likely tried a dozen different packs over the years and the quest continues for the perfect one but until then, a large aluminum external frame pack wins out. A pack can add greatly to the weight you carry on your back so the challenge is to

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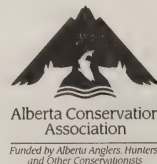
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# APOS



photos TJ Schwanky

## That trophy ram of a lifetime may just be over the nearest ridge!

find one that is comfortable, sturdy and not overly heavy. I prefer the external frame for a number of reasons but primarily because you can load it until you are barely able to carry it and you can tie all kinds of stuff to the outside of it. I've yet to see a pack big enough to fit all your gear and the better part of a sheep in. You always end up tying gear or meat to the outside. I also like to strap my gun to the pack when hiking. I find this far more comfortable and it leaves both hands free in dangerous terrain.

While backpack sheep hunting is certainly not for everyone, lack of equine power does not mean you can't hunt rams effectively in this province. In fact, a hunter in good shape likely has the odds stacked in his favour just because of the mobility and the ease with which he can move around. With horses you are forced to return to a camp each night to tend to the beasts. As a backpack hunter, your only concern is finding a dry spot to call home for the night. My days spent tromping through the mountains with a pack on my back are some of my most memorable and my trophies taken on these hunts are my most treasured.

Next time you're traveling down one of Alberta's mountain highways, be mindful that that trophy ram of a lifetime may be just over the nearest ridge. The only true way to find out is to don a pack and get hiking. ■

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by  
**Duane  
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# TARGETING BUSH BOMBERS

**R**uffed grouse are Alberta's most abundant game bird, found throughout the foothills, mountains, boreal forest and aspen parkland—the interface between our grasslands and the northern forests—and are creatures of aspen stands throughout their range, never being found very far from these deciduous trees. They're also present in the Cypress Hills, in southeastern Alberta, as a relict population. Typically, they have population cycles every 8-10 years although recently these fluctuations seem to be less pronounced than they used to be. They get their name from a black or reddish-brown ruff of feathers surrounding their neck. Adult ruffed grouse are about 17 inches long. They're a delicacy but must be kept moist when cooking because they are very lean.

Of all of our upland birds, the ruffed grouse is one of the hardest to take on the wing, primarily because of the thick cover they call home. Generally, you'll only have time for one shot so make it count.

It's not uncommon to hear a ruffed grouse before it's sighted. Make a point of listening for their soft purr and clucking when you're afield, always a giveaway that they're nearby. They're one of the most colorful of Alberta's upland birds with mottled gray feathers streaked with shades of reddish-brown and a barred, fan-shaped tail—also coming in a red “phase” at times—topped with a tufted crest on their heads. Despite their striking and beautiful coloration, they are well camouflaged and are very difficult to spot even when in the open during the autumn. They have a peculiar bobbing gait as they move about the forest floor



ducking and weaving around like a boxer, often purring as they move along, darting from one place to another.

The ruffed grouse is an omnivore, eating both vegetation and insects, but they are very dependent on willow and poplar buds during the winter. They feed on berries, fruits, seeds, buds and clover, which is a favorite food item where available, along with wild rose hips, another treat. I've found that they will feed throughout the day but don't seem to like to get their feathers wet when there is heavy dew in the morning and tend to stay put after a rain. They can be hunted from sunrise until sunset and the better areas are forest trails in large stands of aspen, especially along the edges that tend to be productive sources of food. As the season wears on look for them roosting in aspen branches during the evening and early morning, out of reach of ground predators and sometimes in groups of several birds. They have feathered feet and can

move easily over snow. During inclement weather they'll create a burrow in the snow to wait out storms.

Regardless of where you're hunting ruffed grouse, you're likely going to have to cover a lot of ground in search of birds. Unless they're at the peak of their cycle, there is usually only about 1 bird for every 5 acres in the best aspen habitat, while each bird may have a home range of a quarter section of land. If I encounter 8-10 birds, I consider that I've had an excellent day, and if I shoot 2-3 of these birds I feel I've done very well, during which time I may have covered some 10-15 kilometres of bush trails. According to government statistics, in 1995 the average daily bag per hunter for all WMU's in Alberta was 0.3 ruffed grouse, whereas it rose to 0.6 birds in 2000. It's important to walk slowly along trails or the edges of clearings when hunting ruffed grouse. Take your time. Look, listen and be prepared for a shot, holding your gun in the ready position; which is easier said than done when you're out for the better part of a day.

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I find it best to wait until the leaves have started to fall before I venture out on ruffed grouse hunts because it's virtually impossible to take them on the wing if trees are in leaf. If a bird takes flight, wait until it starts to glide before shooting. Your best shot (if possible) is after their wings stop beating. Once they lift off, they'll gain some altitude and then level off in a glide—this is the best time to connect. While ruffed grouse are generally solitary birds, it's not uncommon to find pairs during October and family groups in September.

One of the benefits of hunting ruffed grouse during September and October is that it gives the hunter an opportunity to do some scouting for big game animals and to get in a bit better shape for the rigors of a late-season big game hunt. I've learned a lot about the habits of big game animals while out hunting ruffed grouse, which has paid dividends later on in the season. For example, which game trails are being used by various big game animals, where rubs and deer scrapes are located and where elk and moose are herded up and bedding. Hunting ruffed grouse has made me a better big game hunter.

I've typically used a 20 GA. shotgun to hunt ruffed grouse, with 7 1/2 shot loads. I've also used 12 GA. shotguns though, as well as a .410 GA. and all of these gauges are suitable, but the .410 isn't practical for wing shots. An improved cylinder choke can be deadly on ruffed grouse, but skeet or modified barrels and even full

chokes have their places depending on the time of the year. What's probably more important is having a shotgun that shoulders quickly (with a short barrel) to pick up on a bird and quickly get a lead (if necessary). I never worry about trees and branches being in the way when I pull the trigger; patterns are a lot larger than you might think and some pellets will always find their way to the target if you've got the lead down right. Just remember, "put the bead on the beak" and follow through with your swing for best results. It's rare to get off a second shot, even with an autoloader, and even rarer to get a double on ruffed grouse. While it's great if you can get into a shooter's stance with your left foot forward (if you're a right-handed shot), often you'll have to shoot off balance and try to make the best of it. Not unlike the cackle of a cock pheasant, the sound of beating ruffed grouse wings when they take flight tends to unnerv even the most experienced hunters. Don't despair if you miss your first shot, it's often possible to follow-up and get a second shot after they've landed.

I focus on prime ruffed grouse territory to locate the maximum number of birds and when I'm in the hotspots I try to locate birds before they spot me, with my gun in the ready position. Even then, I probably only get off a shot at about half of the birds that I encounter, and miss half of them. That's par for the course on a typical ruffed grouse hunt. Targeting bush bombers is challenging but can be very rewarding! ■



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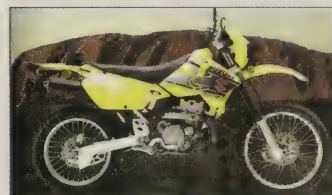


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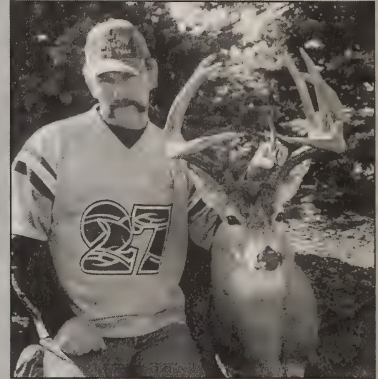
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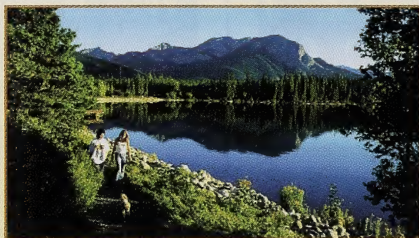


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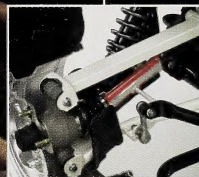


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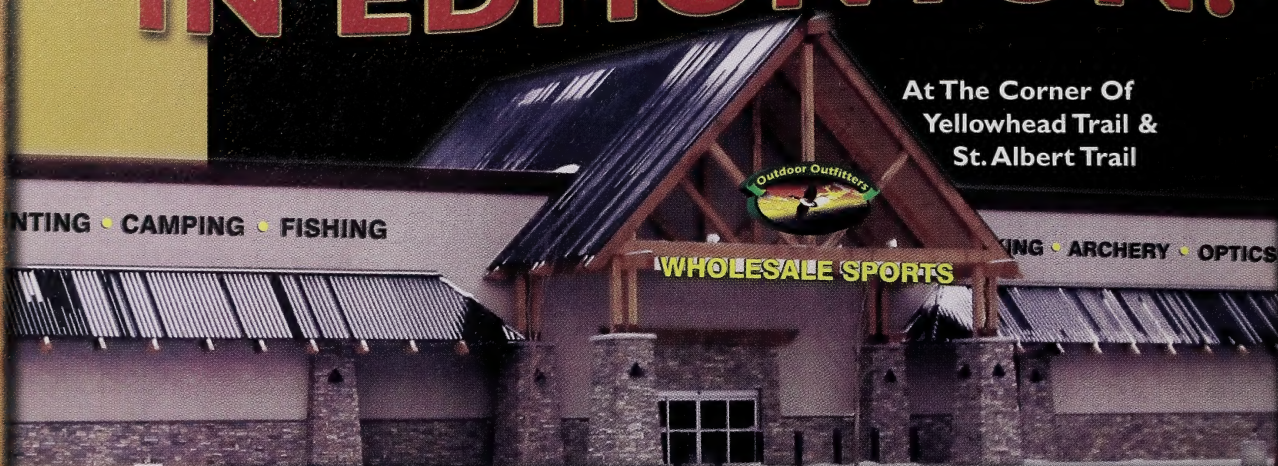


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